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Former bull rider Joe Kujawinski, a resident of Antioch, was a deputy with the Lake County Sheriff's Department for 25 years.

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WAUKEGAN

# A day of help, service

## Group to reach out on Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By JESSICA JACOBSEN  
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**WAUKEGAN** — For schools and some people, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a time to rest and relax. But for Alex Deans the day means much more.

Deans, project manager and development director for Youth Conservation Corps, is looking to make Martin Luther King Jr. Day, "a day on, not a day off."

And Youth Conservation has found a way to do that for the second year.

"We're trying to make it more service learning ... to really think about what their doing that day," Deans said.

On Jan. 15 Youth Conservation and, so far, 82 volunteers will be offering their time at one of six locations the organization has picked to help with its efforts.

The six locations are Waukegan Staben House, Wau-

### Register

To register for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day volunteer project contact Alex Deans or Kelly Hiznay by Jan. 5 at (847) 623-0900.

kegan Township offices, PADS, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Waukegan Main Street and The Salvation Army.

Deans said the three-location increase from last year's service is because of the number of volunteers.

"Last year, we had about 45 people involved and this year we wanted to see how many people we could get out," Deans said.

The day of service is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with volunteers receiving lunch and a T-shirt for their service.

Some of the projects are within walking distance from Youth Conservation, but transportation will be provided to

sites that are not. All projects will be randomly assigned, Deans said, because of how complicated it would be to let people chose given the number of volunteers.

Deans said the group of volunteers is made up of a wide variety of volunteers, including a group from St. Norbert College, in De Pere, Wis.

Sandy Murphy, St. Norbert campus minister, could not be reached for comment.

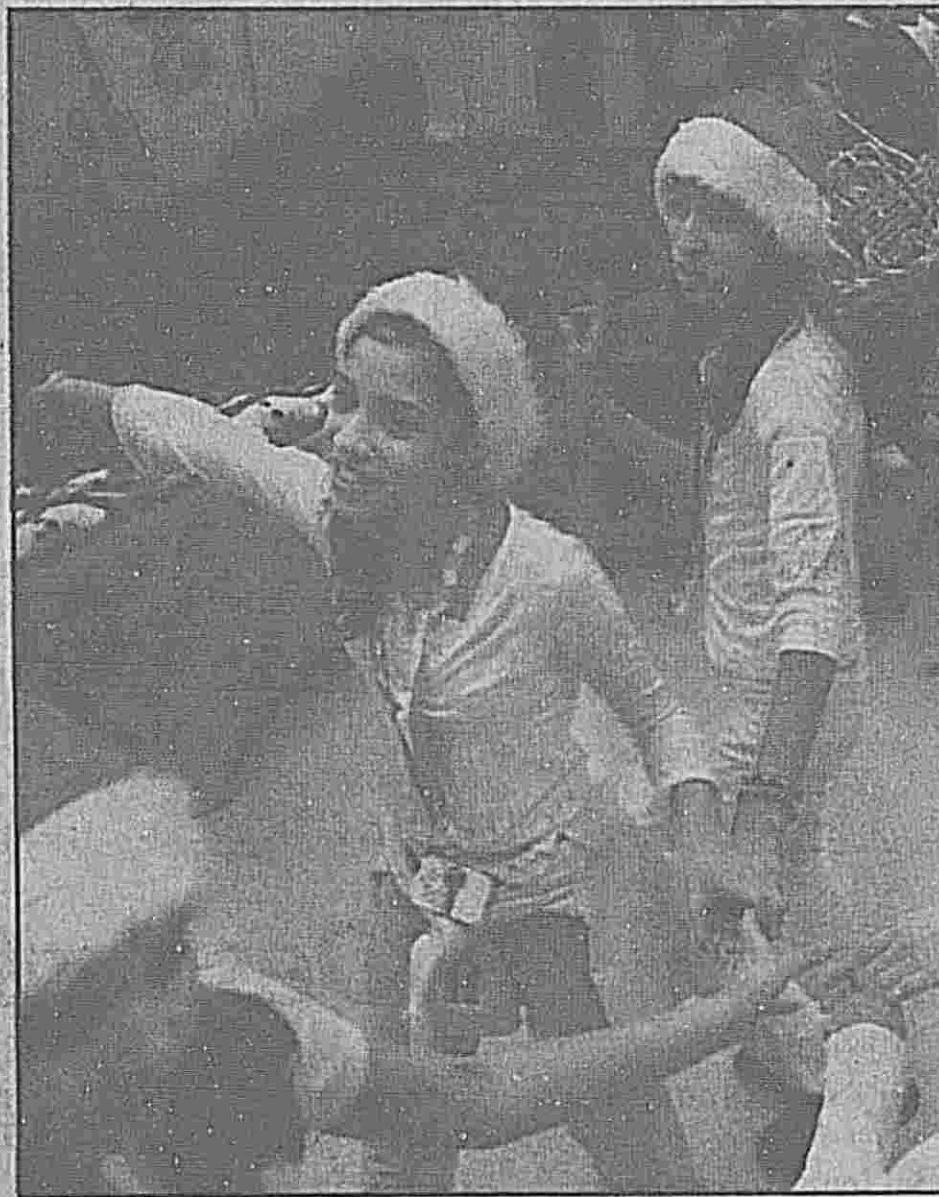
"We're reaching out to a whole bunch of different groups ... There's a lot of people involved," Deans said. "We hope to get as many people involved."

Among the projects for Jan. 15 will be painting, cleaning storage rooms and recarpeting.

Deans said he thinks there is a lot that volunteers can learn from this project.

"Getting them to think about their role in the community and in America at large," he said.

## Students brighten seniors' day



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Students from Miguel Juarez Middle School perform at the Park Place Senior Center in Waukegan during a multicultural lunch event that celebrates the holidays.

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## Editor's Choice by Larry Lough

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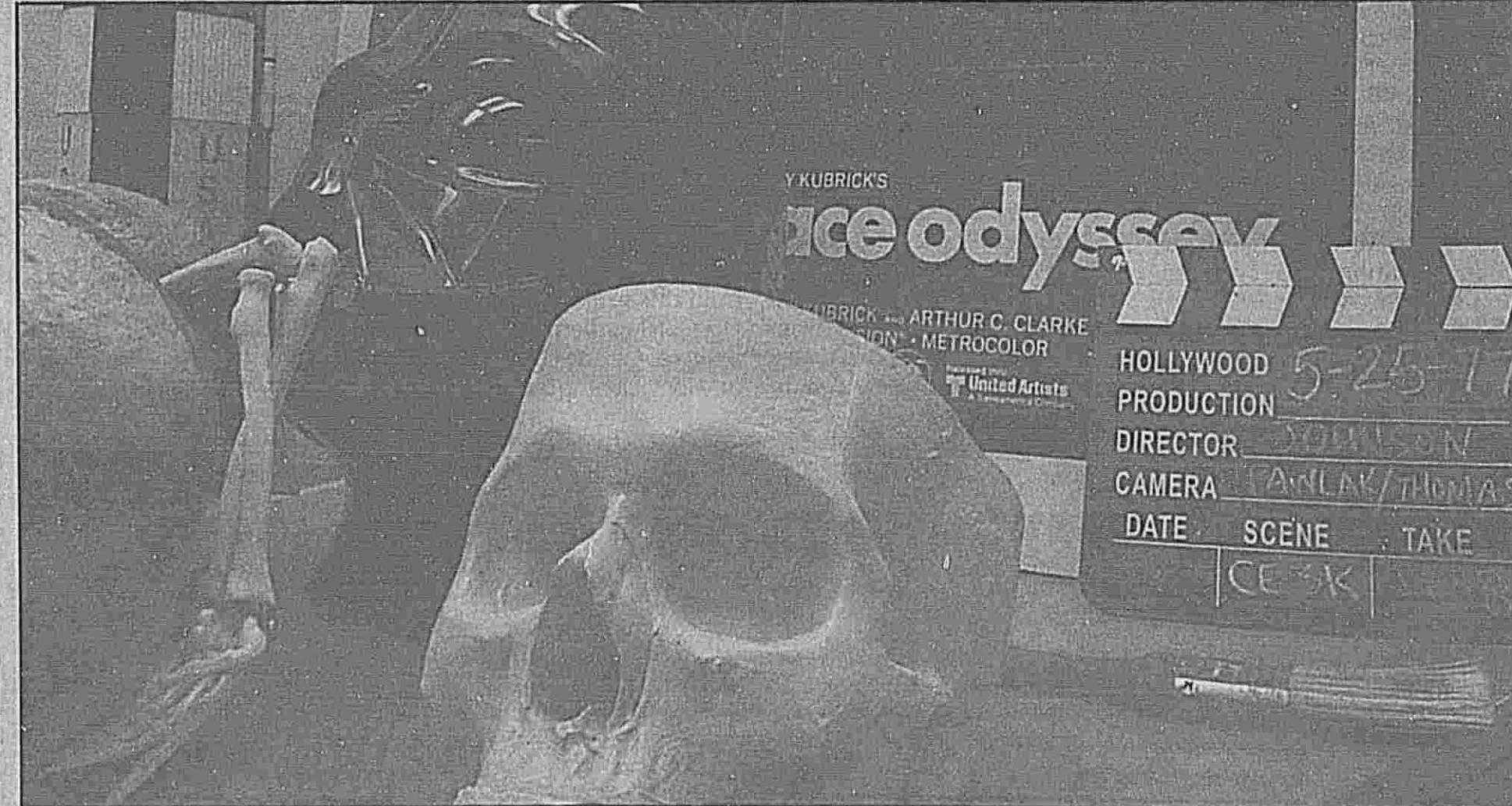
downtown location into a new office building on the east side of Grayslake, at 34121 N. Route 45, just south of Washington Street.

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Thanks for reading the Journal. And Happy New Year!

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# COMMUNITY

## Quote of the Week

"The kids need their father, but they don't need the abuse."  
—Jennifer Sovsky on the custody battle with her estranged husband (see story on A8)

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BURLINGTON, WIS.

## Born city, man takes cowboy's path

Kujawinski, family take to Western style of living life to the full

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BURLINGTON, Wis. — With a rope in hand and black Stetson atop his head, Joseph Kujawinski looks at home beside Pete, a 12-year-old barrel horse on his daughter's farm as the rising fog became visible against the darkening sky.

But Kujawinski, 69, dons similar attire in settings where one might not expect it, such as a ceremony for the Lake County sheriff (Kujawinski served for 25 years and carries the badge — no card).

His coworkers and clients at his recycling business know about the passion he started to pursue during his high school years.

"It's what I am," said the veteran cowboy who changed his competition name to Yogen Jones after an announcer could not pronounce his real one.

Kujawinski competed in his last rodeo in the early 1980s, but the sport pervades his life.

Each summer, his daughters compete in as many rodeos as they can. Marjorie — Margie to her dad — lives in Zion and has run a salon in Winnetka for 15 years. Jacqui owns a farm in Burlington, Wis., and is a homemaker.

"It's a sanity thing," Jacqui said of her participation in the sport.

Both women started barrel-racing during their late teens. They still drive more than 16 hours to compete in rodeos.

The sport requires that they invest time and money in travel, practice, upkeep of the horses, and membership in one of several organizations. These include the Professional Bull Riders, Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, International Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and WPRA.

"It's our passion," Marjorie said. "You



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Jacqui Elfering saddles her horse, Pete, at her Burlington, Wis., home with the help of her dad, Joe Kujawinski. Both Jacqui and her sister, Marjorie Kujawinski, followed in their bull-riding dad's footsteps and now compete in rodeo barrel racing throughout the region.

### Get to know Joe Kujawinski

Age: 69

Hometown: Evanston

Lives in: Antioch

Education: Oakton Community College

Occupation: CEO of Cleveland Corp. The recycling business, which he runs with the help of his sons, has sites in Zion, Winthrop Harbor and Racine, Wis., and clients in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Kujawinski retired last year as a Lake County Sheriff's Deputy

gotta love it."

It was passion for horses that prompted Kujawinski to swap stable chores for riding rights when he could not afford stable fees, and to enter competitions, often more than one, each weekend at rodeos from Texas to South Dakota. He still goes to finals in Las Vegas each year.

Kujawinski has record of his own training and competition in a brown photo album and faded copies of "Hoof and

Horns," which kept the cowboy community informed on competition news.

He once aimed for induction into the Cowboy Hall of Fame, but said his injuries kept him from realizing the dream.

During his competitive years, Kujawinski broke his collarbone, arms, legs and ribs as he galloped on horses, bareback and saddled, roped calves, and rode bulls.

Bulls can weigh more than 2,000 pounds.

"You have to erase fear from your mind," he said. Those experiences have taught him things he has carried with him in other walks of life.

"Never weaken, no matter how tough how things get," he said of the cowboy mentality. "The tougher things get, the tougher you have to be."

While he conceded the injuries are a given at the rodeo, he said the proliferation of schools and instruction for today's cowboys-in-training as a safe, positive change.

## Our Town

## Spreading awareness

**The Antioch Woman's Club**  
Jan. 10 meeting will focus on a topic that has affected millions across the country — breast cancer — and will continue to until a cure is found.

Breast cancer will be the center of discussion at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the Wesley Hall of the United Methodist Church of Antioch.

Dr. Stephen Ganshirt, a part of the Surgeon's Group in Lake Forest, will speak about the disease, and member Pat Forth will share her own experiences as a breast cancer survivor.

**Carol Ruderman,** regional director for the Lake County region of the American Cancer Society, also will be on hand to answer questions and take comments.

Make sure to clear your calendar for this informative, and helpful, meeting.

I found another cool thing that the **Village of Antioch** recently posted on its Web site. If you or someone you know has graffiti on walls, garbage thrown in yards, old trucks sitting in lawns or other hazardous things, just visit [www.antioch.il.gov](http://www.antioch.il.gov).

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If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail Tara Clifton at [tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com](mailto:tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com).

**Barrel racing:** Mounted cowgirls steer their steeds through barrels, racing against the clock

**Bull riding:** The competitor sits atop a bull, which waits in a gated pen (the chute) at the side of the rodeo ring. Handlers let the bull out of the chute. The cowboy has one

shot to stay up for 8 seconds. As the bull bucks, the cowboy can hold onto a rope on the animal's back with one hand.

The other must remain free. The harder the bull bucks, the higher the score.

**Calf roping:** The cowboy attempts

to lasso a calf while on horseback. The cowboy races the clock in this event, trying to tie the calf more quickly than other competitors.

**Dogger:** Cowboy-speak for steer wrestler

**Push-button horse:** This animal is calm, gentle, responsive and wise.

**Steer wrestling:** On horseback, the cowboy approaches a running steer.

The rider grabs the steer's horns, grounds his or her heels into the dirt, and then wrestles the steer to the ground by its nose.

**Steers:** Weigh less than 300 pounds.



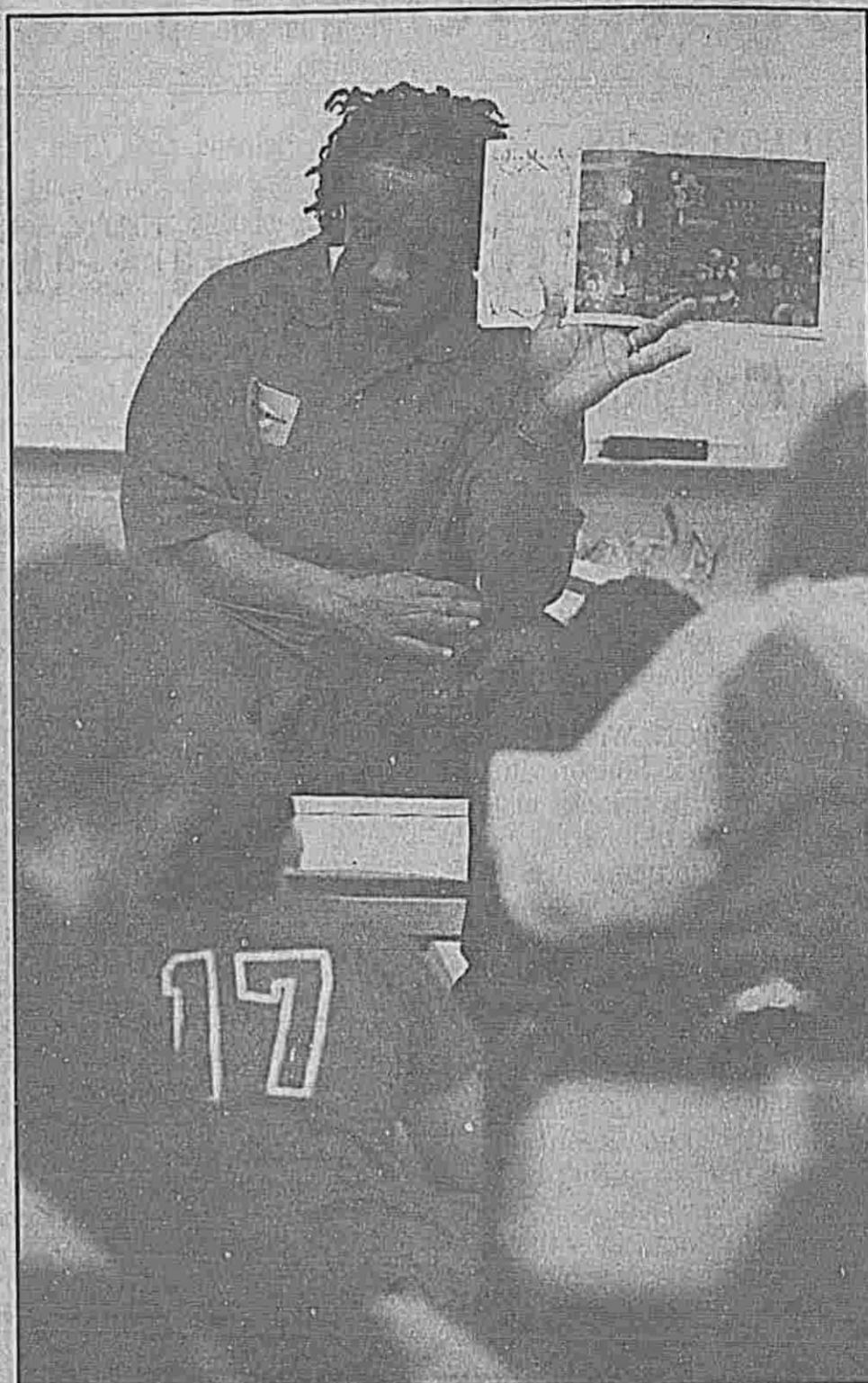
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Chicago Bears wide receiver Rashied Davis reads a story about Christmas to students at Gages Lake School during a holiday party for the Special Education District of Lake County. The event was hosted by the wives of Chicago Bears players. Players John Tait and Charles "Peanut" Tillman also were in attendance.

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**ANTIOCH****DUI**

Amy R. Shehadi, 36, 400 block of East State Street, Sycamore, driving under the influence, improper lane use, driving without insurance, driving with a revoked driver's license, Dec. 16.

**No valid driver's license**

Nicola L. Domanchuk, 26, 26000 block of West Sunset Road, Antioch, driving without a valid driver's license, driving with a defective plate light, Dec. 18.

**Possession**

Robert W. Sanderson, 46, 34000 block of Bassett Road, Bassett, Wis., possession of marijuana, speeding, Dec. 14.

**LAKE VILLA****DUI**

Charles L. Pickens III, 31, 514 College Ave., Winthrop Harbor,

driving under the influence, speeding, Dec. 16.

Jose G. Hernandez, 22, 701 Hermhoz St., Waukegan, driving under the influence, improper lane use, driving without insurance, driving without a driver's license, illegal transportation of liquor, Dec. 10.

Michelle A. Trudell, 31, 110 Dittmer Lane, Lindenhurst, driving under the influence, improper lane use, Dec. 8.

**No valid driver's license**

Filiberto V. Gomez, 32, 2251 Kozner, Chicago, driving without a valid driver's license, Dec. 8.

**ISLAND LAKE****Harassment reported**

Island Lake police received three reports of harassment. One was by phone, one not by phone and one by mail or e-mail, Nov. 21.

**Simple battery**

Jeffrey P. Murray, of 155 N. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, simple

battery, Dec. 23.

**Theft**

Island Lake police received a report of items stolen worth less than \$300 from the 200 block of Newbury Drive, Dec. 23.

**Accident**

Island Lake police received a report of an accident at 5100 block of Auburn Drive, Dec. 23.

**DUI**

Apodaca Rodriguez, 27, of 4907 E. Elm St., McHenry, improper lane use, driving under the influence, driving without insurance, driving without a valid drivers' license, Dec. 24.

**Report of DUI driver**

Island Lake police received a report of a person driving under the influence at Darrell Road and Route 176, Dec. 24.

**FOX LAKE****Criminal damage to property**

David Pierce, 25, 94 hillside

Court, Fox Lake, and Kenneth M. Ruley, 22, 39457 Hickory St., Spring Grove, criminal damage to mailboxes on Forest Avenue, Dec. 14.

**Public intoxication**

Randy E. Roberts, 49, 22 E. Grand Ave., Apt. E, public intoxication at 19 S. Route 12, Dec. 12.

**Suspended license**

Carley Danielle Ikhtiar, 23, 35877 Helendale Ave., Ingleside, driving while driver's license suspended, Dec. 13.

**Aggravated assault**

Valhalla A. Johnson, 34, 126 Cora Ave., Fox Lake, aggravated assault, Dec. 14.

**LIBERTYVILLE****Theft**

Currency totaling \$178 was taken from an employee locker at Condell Medical Center, 801 S. Milwaukee Ave., Dec. 15.

**Criminal damage**

Three floodlights used to illumin-

nate a sign at Butterfield Square, 1443 W. Butterfield Road, were found damaged, Dec. 17.

**Criminal trespass**

Graffiti and a broken window and door were found at the Brainerd building, 416 W. Park Ave., Dec. 17.

**VERNON HILLS****Unlawful alcohol delivery**

Raimonds Potass, 21, 2 Timber, Vernon Hills, unlawful delivery of alcohol to a minor, Dec. 15.

**Minor possession of alcohol**

Andriy Kovalenko, 18, 39363 N. Queensbury, Wadsworth, possession of alcohol by a minor, Dec. 15.

**Retail theft**

Sean Haas, 18, 285 Bingham Circle, Mundelein, retail theft, possession of alcohol by a minor, Dec. 15.

Michael Dastice, 21, 265 N. Rouse, Mundelein, retail theft, Dec. 12.

## Unique Octagon Home in Barrington Gets Makeover

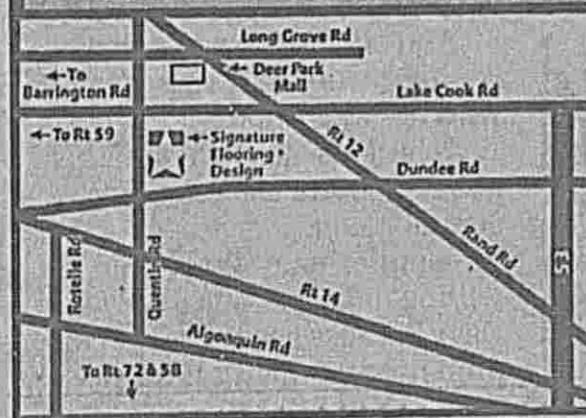
Irene Richardson and her family moved into her home in the winter of 1979. The octagon home was built and designed by Erickson & Stephens, a firm heavily influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright. After living there for over 25 years, she decided she wanted to modernize the interior and chose Signature Flooring & Design to install new five inch wide Brazilian Cherry exotic hardwood floors throughout the living room and dining room, and a rich, thick contemporary shag carpet in the bedrooms and fireplace seating area.

When asked how she decided to use Signature Flooring & Design as her flooring contractor, Irene said, "I went out and got four quotes. I saw the look I wanted at one of those big box retail stores but found out after talking with John at Signature that I was not able to have 3/4 inch thick solid wood installed in my home because my home has concrete floors and an indoor pool. John came out to my home and inspected areas I wanted to have done and verified it should be engineered wood flooring installed in my home because of the concrete and pool which would effect the humidity levels of my wood."

When asked if she had any anxiety about having her home under construction she said, "No, I had complete confidence in them because of the way I was treated before the installation. John returned all of my calls and followed through on everything he said he would do. After talking with John, I spoke with other stores and 3 out of 4 agreed that he was correct, I needed engineered wood. The one flooring store still thinks I can put 3/4 inch solid wood in my home. Could you imagine what I would've gone through with them? I am very happy with the experience, if you have any one interested in getting new floors and need a referral, just have them call me!"

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to get Kaitlynn and Brandon back to America.

said. "They do say you're blind when you're in love."

**A Change in Personality**

Just months after they were married, Jennifer said she noticed a change in her new husband's behavior.

"It's like something was hiding inside him for a long time," she said. "And it came out against me."

Jennifer said Davy started beating her when she was pregnant with Kaitlynn.

In 2001, Davy said he wanted to go to school in Belgium, so the family moved there.

However, Jennifer said he kept failing so they wouldn't have to move back to America.

Brandon was born in 2003, and the abuse worsened, Jennifer said.

Jennifer said she went to Belgium police, but they told her she had to go to a doctor first. She didn't, because of an unfamiliar medical system and she also knew that the Van De Sande family was very well-liked in that community.

**The battle heats up**

Jennifer and Davy visited her family in 2004. Jennifer said she told him she and the children would not return to Belgium with him.

He became extremely angry, Sue and Jennifer said.

"He's a very different person when he's angry," Jennifer said.

Jennifer said that Davy threatened to kill her, the children, and everyone in the family.

After this incident, Davy returned to Belgium without Jennifer and the kids.

Jennifer then filed for full custody.

However, Judge Marvin E. Aspen ruled that the Sovsky family did not show enough evidence that the children were in danger by being with their father, and ruled that both should have custody.

Judge Aspen could not comment on the case.

While in Belgium, Davy filed his own petition in February 2005 under the Hague Convention. This act aims to prevent child abduction, usually relating to custody cases, said Larry Rosen, Jennifer's lawyer.

In Belgium, the courts ruled that the children would not be in danger by being with their father, and gave Davy full custody.

Davy returned to the U.S. where he promised to keep Kaitlynn and Brandon in Belgium for the summer of 2006, and upon his return in August, he and Jennifer could figure out visitations. But Davy never came back.

**The steps ahead**

Complicated, lengthy legal battles are needed to get Jennifer's kids back to her, said lawyer Larry Rosen.

Rosen said the Belgium courts must somehow be convinced to extradite Davy to the U.S.

"And in the meantime, who the heck knows what Davy is doing to these kids?" Rosen said.

Right now Jennifer's biggest concern is getting money to pay lawyer fees.

And it breaks her heart, Jennifer said, that she can't be with her kids.

"The kids need their father, but they don't need the abuse," Jennifer said.

Jennifer said she would be willing to share custody with Davy because she feels that children need a fatherly influence.

# Woman seeks help to get her kids back

By TARA CLIFTON  
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INGLESIDE — Jennifer Sovsky, 26, sees her two children about three times a week, if she's lucky, by using a Web camera.

But often her estranged husband, Davy Van De Sande, 30, does not show up for these scheduled visits.

And when he does, he often uses Kaitlynn, 6, and Brandon, 3, to taunt their mother.

Jennifer and Davy have had a tumultuous relationship ever since they married in 1999. During the past two years, a nasty custody battle has grown.

But Davy and the children live in Belgium, Davy's homeland, where the country's courts have awarded him full custody.

But Jennifer and Sue worry about the abuse the children might be enduring, because Jennifer said Davy abused her throughout their marriage.

And now the Sovsky family is running out of money to pay for the legal services necessary

**The Meeting**

Sue Sovsky, who works at Alexandria's Soap Opera in Antioch, met Davy in an online chat room.

"He was a very nice kid," Sue said. "Never showed any aggressiveness or meanness."

During chats Davy said he would like to come to America to go to school, so Sue invited him to her Ingleside home.

That's how Jennifer, 17 at the time, met Davy, 21 in 1997.

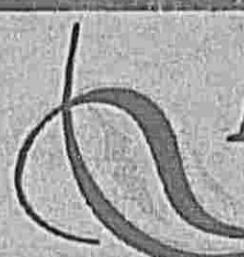
Davy never went to school, Jennifer said, but he did get to know her better.

For the next two years, Davy and Jennifer visited each other.

In 1999, Davy and Jennifer got engaged and married.

"I was just really really in love with this guy," Jennifer

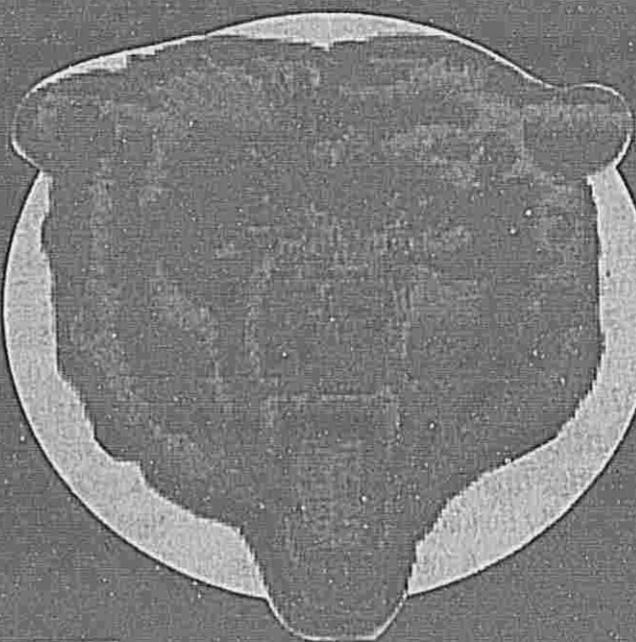
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## AROUND TOWN

**ANTIOCH**

• **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.

• **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **Antioch Network of Friends meeting.** 7 p.m., first Tuesdays. Community Building, 884 Main St., back entrance. A multiple sclerosis support group. Call Louise at (847) 395-1317 or Rachel at (847) 973-1808 for details.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.

• **AFFTER (Advocates for Fibromyalgia Funding, Treatment Education and Research) support group meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon, first Saturdays. Antioch's Community Building, 884 Main St. Call (847) 362-7807 or go to [www.AFFTER.org](http://www.AFFTER.org) for more information.

• **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at [mjrigoni@hotmail.com](mailto:mjrigoni@hotmail.com) for more information.

• **The Meeting House Museum.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., first Saturdays. See original photos of Antioch and a veterans' exhibit of photos and memorabilia from the Civil War through the Gulf War.

• **Northern Lake County Quilters Guild meeting.** 7 p.m., first Wednesdays. Antioch Township Center on Deep Lake Rd. north of Grass Lake Rd. Call Madelyn Anderson at (847) 651-8349 to learn more.

• **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.

• **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

**CRYSTAL LAKE**

• **Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting.** 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank Building, Rt. 14 and Pingree Rd. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at (847) 526-1525 or visit <http://user.mc.net/~toast1>.

**GRAYSLAKE**

• **Grayslake Exchange Club meeting.** Noon-1 p.m., Thursdays. Whitney Street Restaurant, 30 N. Whitney St. Call Wendy Petera at (847) 548-2070 for information.

• **Overeaters Anonymous meeting.** 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 31 Park Ave. For information, call (847) 546-1228.

• **Lake County Council for Seniors meeting.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., first Thursdays. Call (847) 367-0087 or (847) 244-1720 for information.

• **Stepmoms Offering Support to Stepmoms meeting.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays in the Grayslake area. Call Tina at (847) 543-4768 for details.

**GURNEE**

• **Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meeting.** 7:30 a.m., first and third Fridays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 249-3800 for information.

• **LeTip Networking Group meeting.** 7:01-8:31 a.m., Wednesdays. Panera Bread, 6557 Grand Ave. Local business owners promote their businesses and exchange leads. Guests are free. For more information, call Dennis Dean at (847) 231-3009.

• **Daniel Wright Toastmasters Club meeting.** 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Members meet to develop communication and leadership skills. For more information, call Sam Valenti at (847) 722-2828, or visit <http://danielwright.freetoasthost.org>.

• **Lake County Camera Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., peer-to-peer discussion and socializing; 7:30 p.m., meeting, first Fridays. Warren Township Center, east crafts room, in park on southwest corner of Almond and Washington. All skill levels, digital and film, welcome. Call Mike Ament at (847) 356-6937 (noon-6 p.m.) to learn more.

• **Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting.** 1:30-4 p.m., second Sundays. Warren-Newport Public Library. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. Call Carol at (847) 234-0778 or Chris at (847) 367-2536 to learn more.

• **Singles (ages 55+)** Breakfast Group meeting. 8:30 a.m., Saturdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Call Chuck at (847) 362-5458 for details.

**HAINESVILLE**

• **Hainesville Great Age Club.** Varied times, first Tuesdays.

Hainesville Village Hall. The group is for Hainesville residents, age 62 and older. For more information, call the

village hall at (847) 223-2032.

**INGLESIDE**

• **Grant Township Board meeting.** 7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Administration Center, 26725 W. Moldor Rd. Call (847) 740-2233 to learn more.

• **Fox Lake/Round Lake Area Rotary meeting.** Noon, Fridays at Za Za's, 69 Washington.

• **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

**LAKE VILLA**

• **Animal Open House.** 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7. Meeting Room A/B, Lake Villa District Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. Crafts and other activities for 3-year-olds to sixth grade. For more information, call (847) 356-7711.

• **Lake Villa Plan Commission meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Wednesdays.

• **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

• **Lake Villa Township AARP Chapter 3978 board meeting.** 10:30 a.m., first Thursdays. Township Offices.

• **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.

• **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays, Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

**LIBERTYVILLE**

• **Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting.** 7 p.m., fifth Fridays. For families and friends of alcoholics. St. Lawrence Episcopal Church, 125 W. Church St. Call or e-mail Jack at (847) 845-6829 ([yessid1@comcast.net](mailto:yessid1@comcast.net)) or Janet at (847) 921-4227 ([jnelson@cole-martin.net](mailto:jnelson@cole-martin.net)) for details.

• **Lakes Area Artisans chapter of Stencil Artisans League meeting.** 7 p.m., first Thursdays.

Stenciling, faux finishing and decorative painting. No art experience required. Meetings focused around a learning project. Call Merilee Sawusch at (847) 680-7166 to learn more.

**LINDENHURST**

• **Lindenhurst Planning**

**Commission meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Village Hall. Call (847) 356-8252 to learn more.

• **Lindenhurst Sanitary District meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Thursdays. Village Hall. Call (847) 356-8252 to learn more.

• **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

• **Lindenhurst/Lakes Area Kiwanis Club meeting.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., first and third Thursdays. Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center. For information, call (847) 356-7912.

• **American Sewing Guild group, "Running in Stitches," meeting.** 7 p.m., first Thursdays. State Bank of the Lakes, Grand Ave. Call Mary Petit at (847) 356-9242 or Janet at (847) 265-7932 for additional information.

**MUNDELEIN**

• **Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened Support Group meeting.** 7-8:30 p.m., first Wednesdays. LCCIL, 377 N. Seymour Ave. Find information at [www.lccil.org](http://www.lccil.org), e-mail [debra@lccil.org](mailto:debra@lccil.org) or call Debra Hickam at (847) 949-4440 TTY/V.

• **Sitzmark Ski Club meeting.** 8 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. El Barrio Restaurant, 1122 Diamond Lake Rd. Year-round activities. Call Kevin at (847) 548-2991 or visit [www.sitzmarksclub.com](http://www.sitzmarksclub.com) to learn more.

• **Wood Carving Club meeting.** 2-5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Community Protestant Church, 418 N. Prairie. Call (847) 623-2072 for details.

**NORTHBROOK**

• **North Suburban NeedleArts Guild meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2. Gloria Dei Church, 1133 Pfingsten Rd. Beth Nobles will present "Narrative Embroidery." Guests are welcome; nonmembers are asked to donate \$3. For more information, call Cindy Kuo at (847) 291-7833 or visit [www.needleartsguild.com](http://www.needleartsguild.com).

**RIVERWOODS**

• **Lakes Area Artisans chapter of the Stencil Artisans League meeting.** 7 p.m., first Thursdays. Southern Lake County Call Merilee Sawusch at (847) 680-7166 to learn more.

**ROUND LAKE**

• **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Wednesdays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to [asafeplaceforhelp.org](http://asafeplaceforhelp.org) for more information.

• **Free Blood Pressure Testing.** 10:30 a.m.-noon, first Wednesdays. For seniors at the Round Lake Community Center.

• **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

**ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS**

• **Round Lake Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr. New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422, to learn more.

**SPRING GROVE**

• **Spring Grove Village Board meeting.** 6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Council Chambers at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Rd. For more information, call (815) 675-2121.

**THIRD LAKE**

• **Lake County H.O.U.S.E. (Home-Oriented Unique Schooling Experience) activity meeting for children.** 1 p.m., first Wednesdays. St. Czar Lazar Church (no affiliation), 35240 N. Grant St., Third Lake (off Rt. 45 just south of Rollins Rd.). Call April Lee at (847) 949-0758 to learn more.

**WAUKEGAN**

• **Christian Singles meeting.** Noon, Saturday, Dec. 30. Wesley Church, 3601 N. Lewis Ave. Bring a dish to pass and a table game to play. For those who are widowed, divorced or never married, ages 50 and up. All are welcome. For more information, call (847) 244-1632 or (847) 623-6647.

• **Catholic Charities foster parent informational meeting.** 7-9 p.m., first Tuesdays. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Center, 671 S. Lewis. Individuals, couples and families interested in providing foster homes for children in need of temporary shelter are asked to attend. For meeting registration or more information, call Lucy Rivera at (847) 782-4249.

• **Little Fort Civil War Roundtable meeting.** 7-9 p.m., first Wednesdays. Waukegan Public Library, 125 N. County.

• **Lake County Coin Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first Tuesdays. Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave. Call Les at (847) 662-1955 to learn more.

• To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to [wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com](mailto:wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com), phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.

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# Bears' player under house arrest

## Defensive tackle awaits court dates for both Lake, Cook County

By EMILY PREVITI  
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SKOKIE — A Cook County judge has prohibited Terry "Tank" Johnson from leaving his Gurnee home unless the trip is related to his job as a defensive tackle for the Chicago Bears.

But Johnson, 25, cannot drive himself anywhere, nor can he leave the state without court permission. Cook County Judge John Moran set forth those conditions during a hearing Dec. 22.

Moran denied Johnson's immediate request to travel to Arizona to spend Christmas with his family.

Johnson's recent arrest in Gurnee violated his probation for a 2005 misdemeanor gun charge out of Cook County. The probation requires 40 hours of community service (he's served eight) and

completion of drug and alcohol evaluation, which he has yet to complete. It also prohibits Johnson from owning firearms.

Johnson, who posted \$10,000 of a \$100,000 bond Friday, must abide by these guidelines until the resolution of a case pending against him in Lake County.

In that case, Johnson faces six counts of possession of a firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification card. Police discovered six loaded weapons, as well as 2.25 ounces of marijuana in his house Dec. 14.

Johnson's friend and housemate, William Posey, admitted ownership of the drugs, and was charged with felony drug possession. Posey, 26, died 36 hours later of a wound he suffered during a shooting at a nightclub in Chicago.

Neighbors' complaints of gunshots

coming from Johnson's yard in early October prompted police to search Johnson's house Dec. 14.

They found a loaded gun on the dresser in the master bedroom, four guns and more than 300 rounds of ammunition in a basement utility closet, and another loaded gun under a chair in the basement, according to Cook County State's Attorney Rick Cenar.

Johnson, who did not play in the Bears' Christmas Eve game against the Detroit Lions, would need the permission of the Cook County court to travel to compete, according to defense attorney Lorna Propes.

The Bears have secured home field advantage during the playoffs, so Johnson will not have to appeal to the court for permission to leave the state unless the team makes it to the Super Bowl.

"He wants to be the best possible representative of the Bears and the city [of Chicago]," Propes said. "We're dealing with a 25-year-old man with a great job ... and he is grateful for that job."

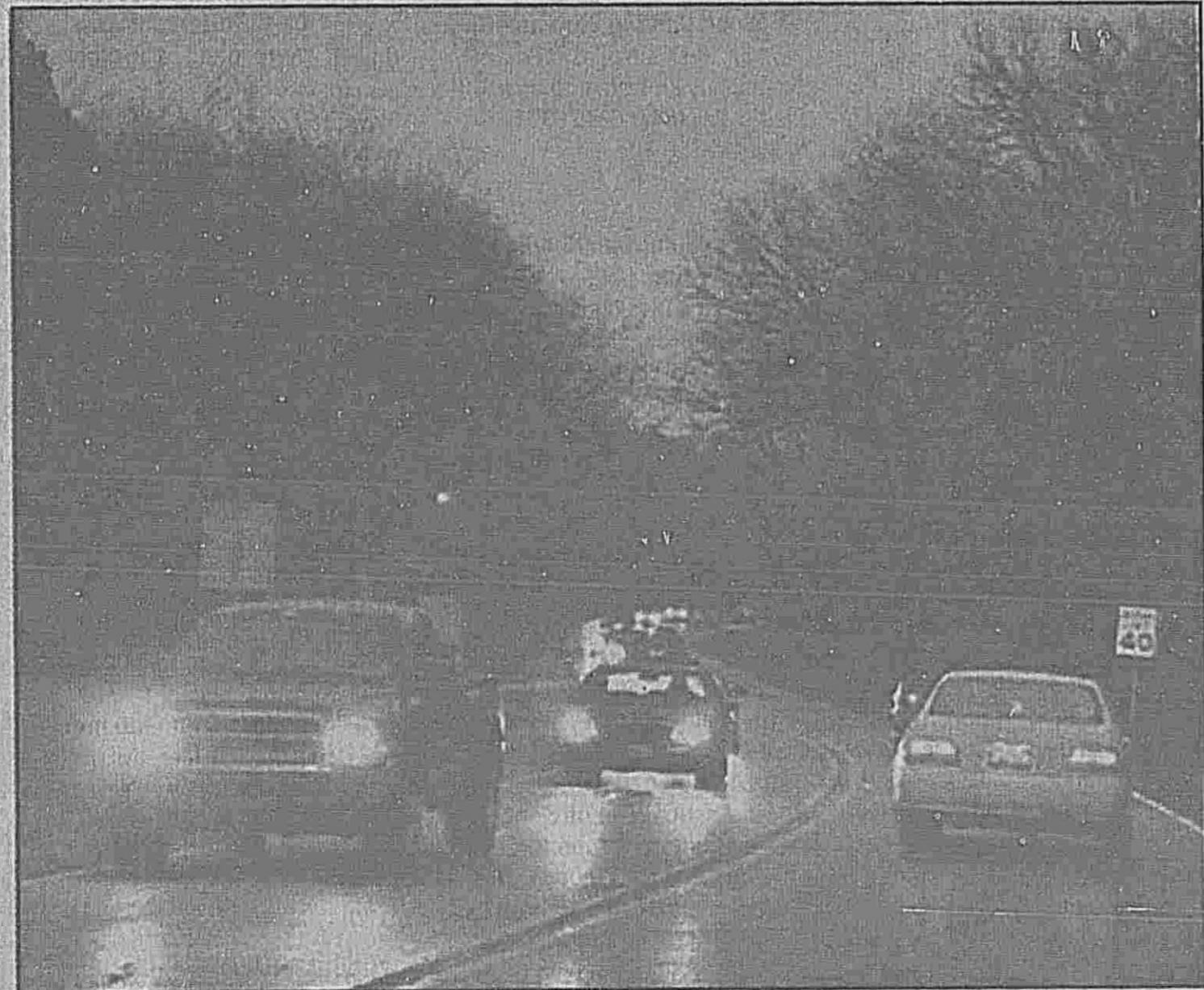
As Propes addressed the media, Johnson dashed out of the courthouse doors and slipped his 6-foot-3, 300-pound frame - clad in a chocolate pinstripe suit - into the passenger's side of a gleaming, silver car.

Johnson is scheduled to appear in Lake County Court Jan. 9, and in Cook County two weeks later.



Terry "Tank" Johnson

## Hitting the road



Annie Christie · achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

People travel on Route 176 in Mundelein, on Dec. 21. According to an AAA/TIA survey 53 million people will travel from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2 by car, truck or RV, while nine million will fly. Another three million will take buses or trains.

## Credit union to offer scholarships to local students

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Consumers Cooperative Association (CCA) recently announced the availability of six \$1,000 scholarships for area high school seniors who are on pace to graduate in 2007.

CCA is the sponsor of Consumers Credit Union (CCU) and the scholarship applications are available at all five CCU Lake County locations in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round Lake Beach, Gurnee and North Waukegan.

Any high school student scheduled to graduate next spring can apply for one of the six \$1,000 scholarships.

In order to be eligible as a candidate for the scholarship, the applicant and a parent or

guardian must be a member of Consumers Credit Union for a minimum of one year.

Interested applicants should include their official high school transcript, through their junior year, along with a copy of the first semester grades from this year.

The application deadline is Feb. 1.

To be considered, applicants must have a completed application along with a non-returnable photo.

Applicants will be evaluated on academic performance, financial need and leadership abilities, including community involvement.

Winners must notify CCA's Scholarship Committee of the school they will attend no later than July 15.

**Year in Review**

*Check out the top stories of Lake County that took place in 2006.*

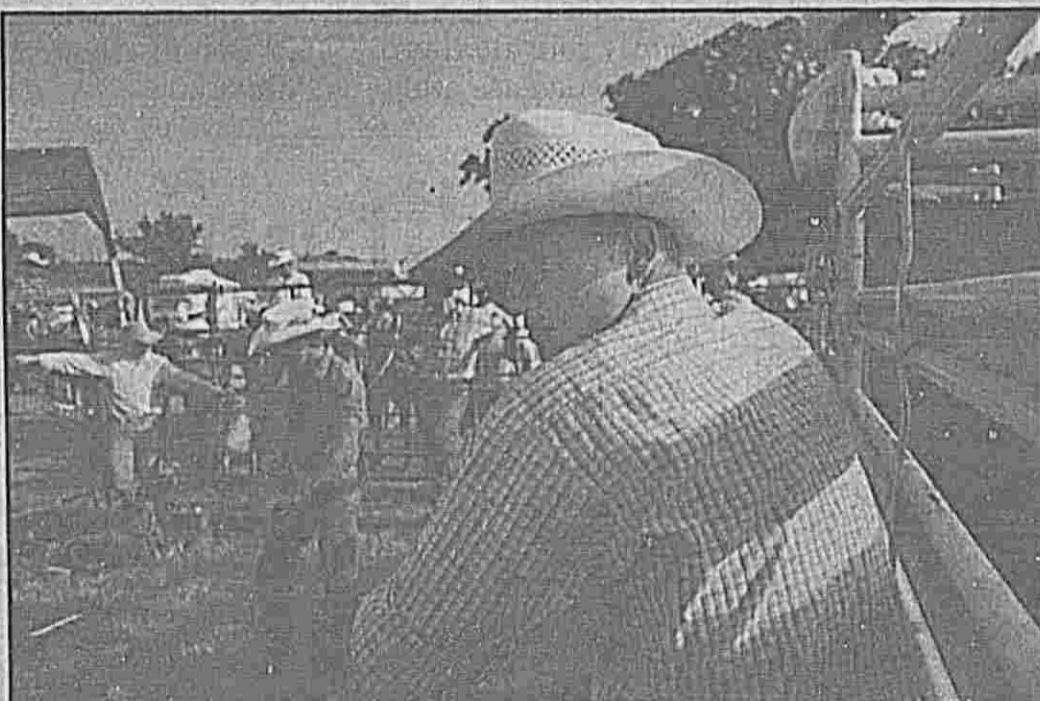
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*To see the best photos of 2006, check out the Lakelife section in our Jan. 5 edition or look at the online slideshow at [www.nwherald.com](http://www.nwherald.com).*

**TOP STORIES OF WAUCONDA**

Ian Andelin of Kenosha, Wis., relaxes amongst other riders in the pit area of the 43rd Annual Illinois Professional Rodeo Championship in Wauconda.

Chris Padgett - cpadgett@nwnewsroup.com



## Cowboys entertain at area rodeo

The 43rd Annual International Professional Rodeo Association Championship took place at the Wauconda Rodeo grounds this summer.

The Wauconda Area Chamber of Commerce and Chase Inc. were the main sponsors for the two-day rodeo. More than 100 cowboys came to Wauconda the first night.

Cowboys competed in the barrel racing, bull riding, saddle bronco and steer wrestling for two days.

**Senior housing**

Linda Leonard loves

what Wauconda has to offer. The resident only wanted a chance to live there for the rest of her life. Thanks to Liberty Arms Senior Apartments, she has just the chance.

"People in Wauconda can watch over me; they have given me a new home," Leonard said.

Leonard was one of the speakers as officials hosted a ribbon cutting for the senior apartment complex on Larkdale Row on Dec. 8. The building has 119 units.

**Gas spill contained**

A small amount of gaso-

line spilled from a boat tied to a Bangs Lake pier was cleaned up before it reached the shoreline.

The incident was reported to the Wauconda Fire Department around 5:30 p.m. on June 23.

The boat was tied to the Wauconda Park District pier.

"It was cleaned up with spill booms. Thanks to all the departments, there was great teamwork," Wauconda Marine Unit Officer Karl Gompertz said. "They all did a tremendous job."

The scene was cleared in about an hour.

**TOP STORIES OF ROUND LAKE**

## Round Lake Park village president dies

**March**

Round Lake Park Village Board President Ila Bauer, 72, died at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville on March 5.

The week prior, Bauer had been diagnosed with cancer. She served as Village Board president since 1997. Trustee Jean McCue was appointed to fill Bauer's position until the next regular election cycle.

On March 9, approximately 400 Hispanic residents gathered at the Kmart on Rollins Road, and load onto buses to head to downtown Chicago. A number of protests took place in Chicago on the topic of illegal immigration.

On March 14, Round Lake Area voters passed a \$17 million tax referendum for District 116. Approximately \$11 million are going toward the demolition and

reconstruction of Magee Middle School.

On March 29 Round Lake Police Chief Cliff Metaxa filed a complaint against former chief, Charlie Foy. The complaint, Foy did a number of inappropriate things with police and state funds, items kept in evidence and female employees.

**April**

Avon Township President Russ Christian suffered a stroke on April 25.

**May**

On May 5 Round Lake residents searched for the whereabouts of 15-year-old Corina Sveica. The teen returned home about 31 days later.

Jan Bauer was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Round Lake Area Chamber



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnewsroup.com

Stan Bauer and his wife, Diana, embrace at the burial of Stan's mother, Round Lake Park Village Board president Ila Bauer, at Avon Township Cemetery in Round Lake Beach. Bauer died March 5 of lung cancer.

of Commerce, replacing Monica Marr who took a position as the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center.

**TOP STORIES OF FOX LAKE**

Gavin Central School fourth-grade teacher Lisa Adler welcomes her students back to their Ingleside building after it had been closed for almost two years. The school was closed after roof trusses were found to be cracked.

Photo by Candace H. Johnson - wjnews@nwnewsroup.com

## Law officials work together

Lake County Major Crime Task Force and Lake County Crime Stoppers combined to seek the public's assistance for information leading to the arrest of a suspect who injured Brittany Rosentreter.

Rosentreter was found with a gunshot wound to the head at 2:58 a.m. on July 26 in the parking lot of 37 Nippersink Blvd., Fox Lake. She was found next to her 1997 Ford Expedition unconscious.

**Gavin looks for superintendent**

The Illinois Association of School Board (IASB) service was selected by the Gavin School Board to conduct a search for a new superintendent. Retired superintendents Donald Gossett and Darrell Dick are currently serving as superintendent.

Dawn Miller, a representative from IASB, said that steps taken in the

search have included a new community survey with good results.

She is assisting six other school districts find school chiefs for 2007-08.

**Firefighters rally for colleague**

Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department members are hoping for community support for a member who has been inflicted with a rare illness.

Sarah Dagdick contracted a syndrome called Guillain-Barre. Guillain-Barre Syndrome, an inflammatory disorder of the peripheral nerves, known as GBS. It is the most common cause of rapidly acquired paralysis in the U.S.

Fox Lake Volunteer Fire Department officials said that proceeds from a Nov. 3 fundraiser will go to Dagdick and her family to pay for medical expenses.

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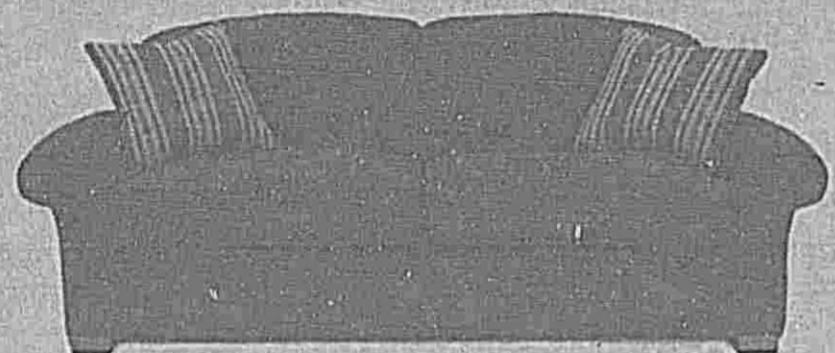
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## Our View

# Breast cancer cases decrease

Experts do not have a definitive reason as to why, but the U.S. breast cancer rate dropped 7 percent in 2003.

The leading reason: About half of women stopped estrogen-progestin hormone replacement therapy in 2002.

Such a drop in the cancer rate is unprecedented. About 200,000 cases were expected, but 14,000 fewer cases were reported.

Between 1990 and 1998, the incidence rate of breast cancer increased 1.7 percent a year. Between 1998 and 2003, the rate began to drop about 1 percent a year, according to the National Women's Health Resource Center.

The astounding 7 percent decrease in 2003 was announced recently at a cancer symposium.

"When I saw it, I couldn't believe it," researcher Donald Berry, of the University of Texas Anderson Cancer Research Center, said in an Associated Press story.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women; about 200,000 women a year are diagnosed with it. It is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths for women, killing more than 40,000 women a year, according to the American Cancer Society.

The federal Women's Health Initiative reported in July 2002 linking estrogen-progestin hormone therapy to a significant increase in female breast cancer.

It did not take long for women to react. Nearly half of women stopped taking the treatment by year's end.

It had been in common use to lessen symptoms of

menopause, such as hot flashes, night sweats and headaches.

The biggest decline in breast cancer incidence – 12 percent – was in women 50 to 69 years old who had estrogen receptor-negative tumors.

About 2 million women a year start menopause, and about 25 percent of women who begin menopause have moderate to severe symptoms that last longer than four years, The Washington Post reported.

Doctors worry that women with severe menopausal symptoms will refuse hormone therapy, which still can be valuable. It needs to be carefully monitored.

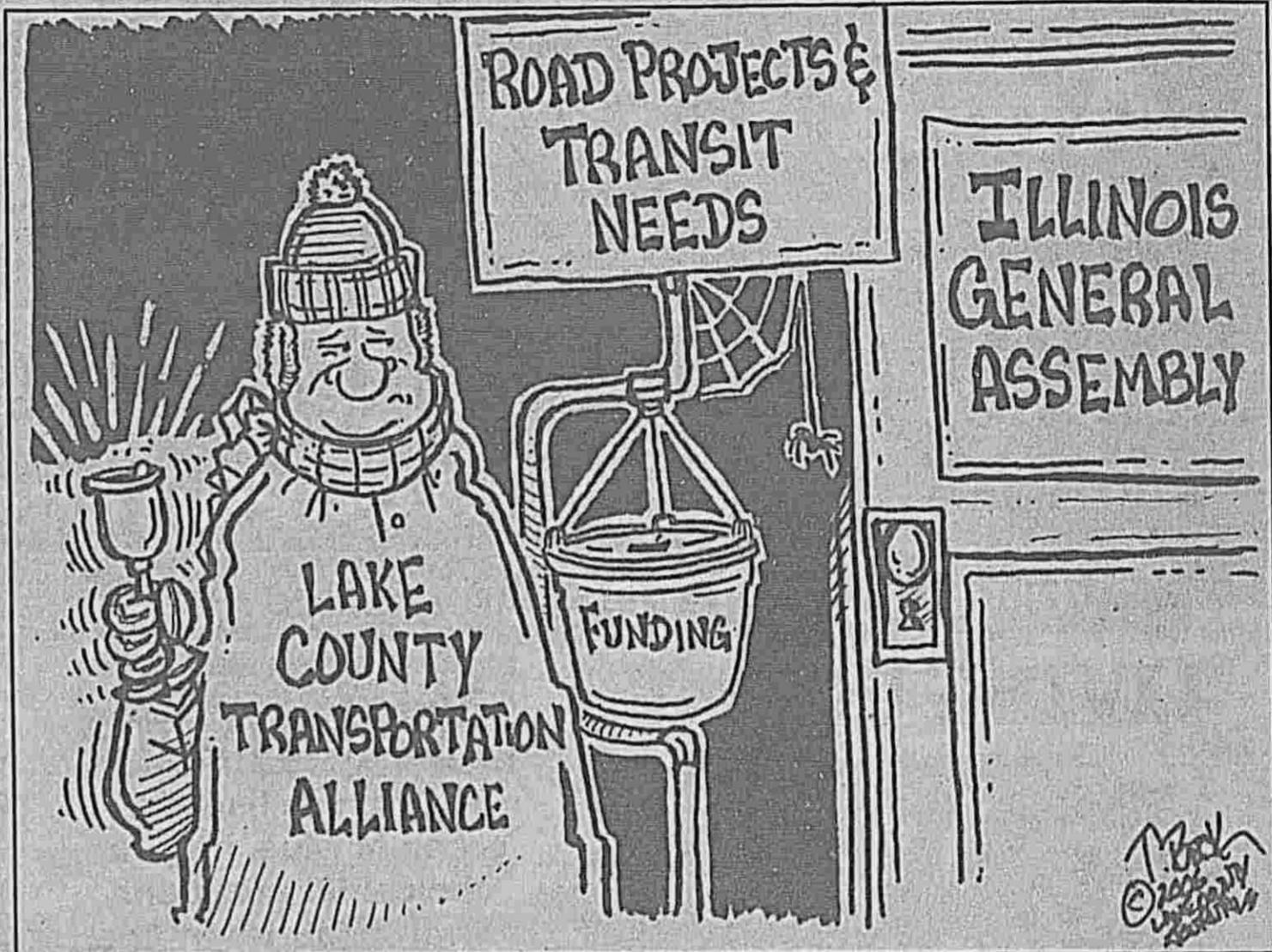
Other reasons might account for the drop.

But fewer mammograms might be because women lack health insurance or access to mammogram facilities so new cases are going unreported, said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the cancer society.

Annual mammograms are recommended for women older than 40, according to the cancer society, as well as clinical breast exams, which should be done every three years for women in their 20s and 30s. Women should begin self-exams when they are in their 20s.

If the reduction in hormone replacement therapy is the prime cause for the decrease, science is to be cheered.

If a significant portion of the reduction is because of health insurance and lack of access to mammograms, the status of health care in the U.S. is to be blamed for unnecessary cancer and deaths.



## Seeing it Through

# Congress must try to eliminate earmark pork barrel spending

The Democratic majority in Congress will have an early opportunity when they take control in January "to walk the walk" on its election message of ethics reform.

Considering that the voters loudly spoke out that Congress must clean up its act, Democrats can take a long first step toward retaining or gaining its electoral edge in the 2008 election.

The biggest ethics issue for Congress is getting down to the business of stemming the wasteful spending and the culture of corruption that has resulted from that spending spree. That was the Republican mission when they swept to victory in 1994. They then squandered their chance to keep control after their spending binge went wacky in recent years.

What must be done, and I'm sure there will be overwhelming bi-partisan support for it, is

to eliminate or substantially reduce, earmarks or what can be called "pork barrel" spending.

Earmarks are special spending projects or other add-ons that are tacked on to appropriations that must be enacted to run agencies of government.

The earmarks are usually added at the behest of special interests groups or lobbyists. Also, congressmen can push the add-ons to get funds that otherwise might not be passed for his or her district. When the omnibus bill is enacted, the congressman can boast of "bringing home the bacon."

One thing that is reprehensible is that earmarks are

added on without any legislator's name attached to it, so there's no accountability. Also, earmarks don't go through the usual committee hearing process to determine if the funding has any merit. Didn't someone say that legislation is like making sausage? If you saw what's put into it, you would never eat it.

Pork barrel spending is not a new phenomenon. What has been new is that since the Republicans gained its control in 1994, earmark spending has mushroomed to ridiculous heights. For example, in 1997 there were less than 2,000 earmarks, and that increased to more than 10,000 by 2004.

The highway authorization bill is a favorite to attach earmark spending and this year there were more than 3,000 earmarks, compared to 1,800 add-ons last year.



John S.  
Matijevich

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## • Snapshot

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"Have you ever kept a New Year's resolution? What was it?"



"Yeah. Not to kill my kids."  
John Glynn  
Grayslake



"No, I've never kept mine."  
Karen Trentadue  
Grayslake



"Yeah. I stopped drinking."  
Michael Olson  
Deerfield



"Yeah, losing weight."  
Joel Boyer  
Deerfield

## • Partylines

compiled from staff reports

## GOP power broker seeks reversal of vote

The divisions between Lake County Republicans are now a matter for the courts.

A lawsuit was filed in chancery court in Chicago on behalf of plaintiffs led by Raymond S. True of Libertyville and others. Defendants include Lake County Republican Chairman Dan Venturi and the Illinois Republican Party.

The suit seeks to overturn a certification of votes on April 19 for Tolbert Chism for 10th Congressional District State Committeeman and that Ruth O'Connell of Wheeling Township be declared the winner.

"In support of this complaint, the plaintiffs state that without the improper use of vacant precinct weighted votes cast by Venturi, O'Connell would have been the winner, based on the declared votes of committeemen present, as prescribed by law," True's attorney, Craig T. Simmons, said. "Defendant Venturi further violated election law by certifying a unanimous vote from Lake County when plaintiffs objected to his call for a unanimous vote at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

"He [Venturi] was in charge, and it was a disaster. The party lost every constitutional race in Lake County in the state. There were a number of blunders. He decided not to have a cancellation of a meeting of precinct committeemen, instead having a direct mail piece called the Trumpet. It was the Trumpet of Doom,

sent to 175,000 registered voters."

Venturi said that he was officially served with True's complaint last week. He and the GOP state party have 30 days to file a response. Venturi said that True finished third in the three-way race.

"It is just another step in his litany of things he wants to do because he does not have control of the party," Venturi said. "It is totally decisive. We're rebuilding. We're not pleased with some of the results, but that does not mean that we're going to pack up our tent and go home."

Venturi said, in response to True's complaint about candidate literature, that the information was available for precinct committeemen to distribute if they asked. Venturi is Lake Villa Township supervisor.

### Churchill honored

In recognition of many years of support for the College of Lake County, the CLC board passed a resolution honoring State Rep. Robert Churchill, R-Lake Villa, who is leaving office.

Churchill served in the legislature from 1983 to 1999 and from 2003 to the present.

He was instrumental in moving the administration of adult education programs from the State Board of Education to the Illinois Community College Board and has been an advocate for workforce development programs.

He was a proponent of locating the

University Center of Lake County on the CLC Grayslake campus, and he worked to gain state funding for the college's building needs. Most recently, he assisted the college in gaining state authorization to change the site of a dental hygiene clinic from Grayslake to Waukegan.

Board Chairman William M. Griffin read a resolution praising Churchill's work to secure funds for "numerous College of Lake County operational needs and building expansions."

Churchill said that supporting the interests of CLC was one of his favorite activities while serving in Springfield.

"CLC is a diamond in the heart of Lake County, and as the ads say, diamonds are forever," he said.

At a future meeting, the board also plans to pass a similar resolution honoring retiring State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis, R-Zion.

### Beskow bows out

Sometimes, it's time for someone else to take over.

"I decided not to run. It is time for a younger generation," Fox Lake Trustee Ted Beskow said.

Beskow is not seeking re-election after eight years on the Village Board.

But there are plenty of people interested, as 20 potential candidates have taken out petitions for the April 17 election. Three trustee positions and a village clerk's job will be up to the voters.

"It's the outlook," Beskow said. "The mayor only votes in the case of a tie, and is supposed to be a leader. I love the nuts and bolts of putting an ordinance together. It takes a lot of time to be a trustee. We used to get a lot of candidates from the zoning board and plan commission, but now they come in with no governmental experience and it takes them a couple of years to learn. It's not just Village Board meetings."

Beskow turned 75 last month.

"We'll miss you in April," Fox Lake Mayor Cindy Irwin told Beskow.

The Village Board seats of Beskow, Greg Murrey and Bill Borchers, and Clerk Samantha Weeks, are up.

### Wait 'til next year

Two Fox Lake trustees thought that it would be better to conduct village business rather than wait until 2007 for the next meeting.

Trustees Ted Beskow and Greg Murrey voted no when a Dec. 26 meeting cancellation came up for a vote.

"I don't think we should wait 28 days between meetings. The ordinance says that there will be two meetings per month," Beskow said.

He also added that the correct procedure would be to amend the ordinance.

In the end, the vote to cancel the Dec. 26 meeting passed 4-2.

Elsewhere, Wauconda elected to cancel its regular meetings for Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

## End to pork barreling might hurt lobbyists, but helps taxpayers

### • MATIJEVICH

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In 1982, there were only 82 add-ons, so you can see how pork barrel spending has increased to scandalous proportions.

What is alarming is that in many of these add-ons, the congressmen have relinquished their constitutional authority to someone not in government —

the lobbyists.

There are cases developing where high-priced lobbyists contact someone in local government and contract them for a high monthly fee with the "job" of producing a multi-million dollar project.

The lobbyist will "arrange" to have the multi-million dollar spending added as a earmark to a major appropriation bill. No one's name on the earmark, no hearing, no nothing. It will just

sail along because someone with clout wants it. And a earmark will make money, but all at taxpayers expense.

Those earmarks, and runaway spending, come with a price. The federal spending has become unmanageable and we keep borrowing to finance our debt. We are even borrowing from China. Will any congressman, or any lobbyist, take blame, or credit, for that? Not a chance.

In Springfield, the legislature has a mini-version of Congress' earmark pork barrel spending. Every session, when it winds down, there are what they call "Christmas tree" appropriations bills, where favorite pet projects are added. At least, the legislator's name is attached to the amendment, and the governor can line-item veto the spending. It's still not a responsible process and does add to the bottom line on spending.

Because of the public uproar, I believe some ethics reform on the scandalous abuse of earmarks will result. It is my opinion that the only thing truly acceptable for taxpayers would be a total elimination of earmark pork barrel spending. It might put some lobbyists out of business, but taxpayers would find out who is running the business of governing in Washington — the lobbyists or our elected public officials.

## TOP STORIES OF GRAYSLAKE



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

Kristen Anderson reflects on the positive changes in her life as she sits beside the Lake Villa train tracks she lost her legs in a suicide attempt six years ago. Anderson's life-changing story has affected many.

## TOP STORIES OF MUNDELEIN/LIBERTYVILLE

## Highway chase results in death of Mundelein gunman

A manhunt that began locally on June 5 ended abruptly the next day more than 600 miles away when a gunman was shot down by Nebraska State Troopers.

Mundelein police said Hermelindo Rivas, 38, allegedly shot his former landlords inside their Lange Street home in Mundelein on June 5.

Rivas had rented a room from the victims, Abiel G. Alvarado, 52, and Martina Santos, 31, at 854 Lange St. Both victims were injured, Santo seriously, but recovered.

### Green Oaks appoints new mayor

The Green Oaks Village Board approved the appointment of Senior Trustee Bernard Wysocki to the position of mayor at an August meeting.

The action came after the village accepted a letter of resignation from former mayor Thomas Adams on

Aug. 16.

The resignation was submitted on the same day that Adams was indicted on 33 charges relating to child pornography.

Of those charges, 17 were for distribution of child pornography, a Class 1 felony, and 16 were for possession of child pornography, a Class 3 felony.

The charges for distribution each carry a mandatory sentence of four to 15 years in prison.

The vote to appoint Wysocki, who had been a village trustee for 19 years, was unanimous. Trustee Joe Sicuro was absent.

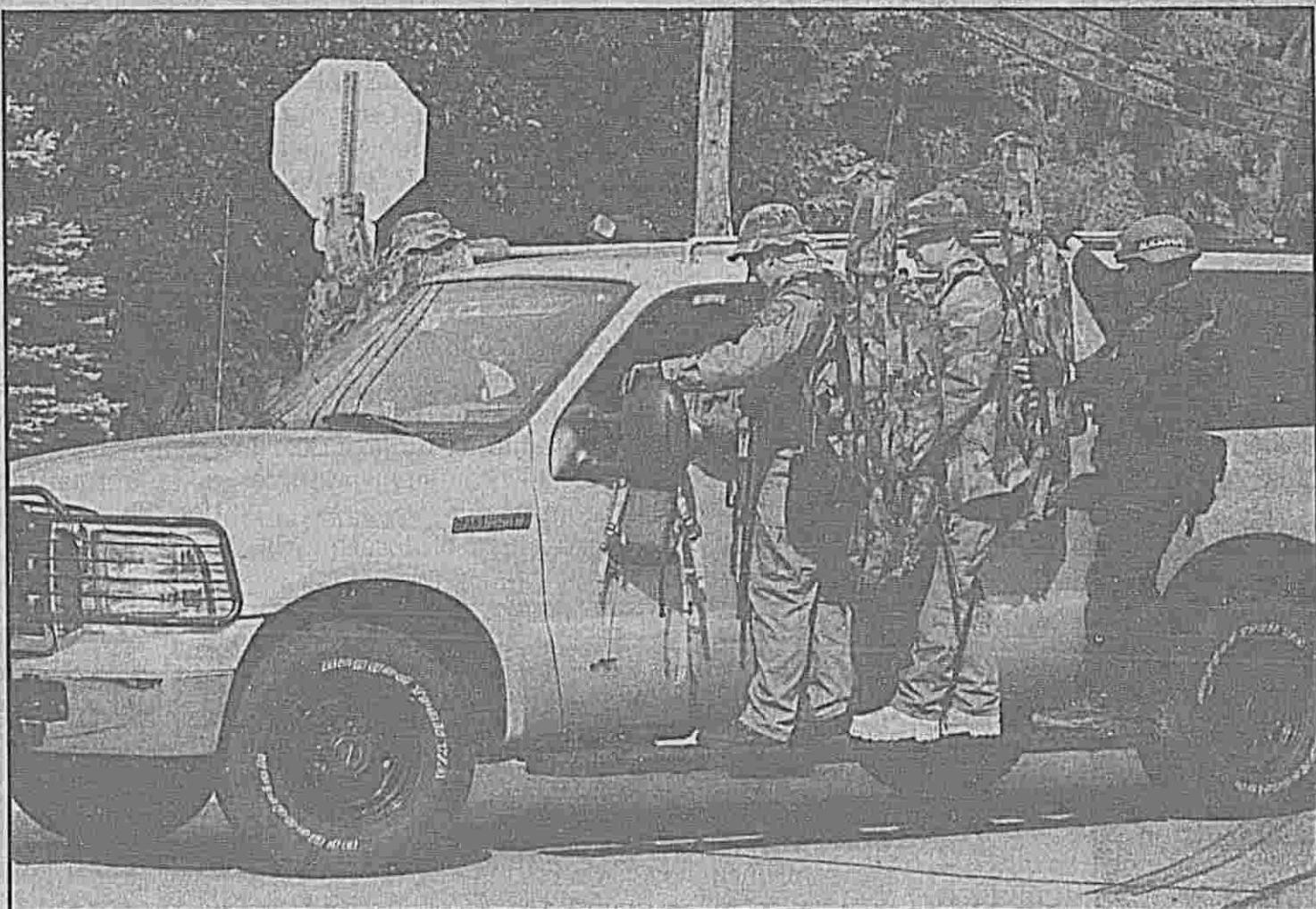
### Justus retires

After 31 years, Mundelein Fire Chief Randy Justus announced he was ready to move on and say goodbye to the department he has come to know and love.

Justus was named as the Mundelein Fire Chief on April 1, 1990, and after



Randy Justus



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com  
Members of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System-Emergency Services Team (NIPAS EST) patrol the scene of a stand-off near the intersection of Barnhill Drive and Route 176 in Mundelein. Hermelindo Rivas was suspected of shooting a man and a woman at a home in the 800 block of Lange Street in Mundelein.

devoting more than three decades to the field, he retired in late November.

"I've had a wonderful experi-

## An unforgettable fundraising event

On Aug. 19, Stratford Banquets in Grayslake played host to an unforgettable event. It was that day that a fundraiser took place for 24-year-old suicide survivor Kristen Anderson.

Anderson lost her legs when she tried to take her own life by lying on a set of train tracks six years ago. Since then, the young woman has found God and is attending Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

### Fairgrounds deal

It took months of discussion, but in November the Lake County Fair Association accepted the offer of SKW Capital Management, LLC to buy the Lake County Fairgrounds in

Grayslake.

Under the agreement, the grounds would be purchased in exchange for \$12.5 million and the 160-acre Titus Farm property, located in Fremont Township.

The deal still must be accepted by the village of Grayslake.

### Bond wins Senate seat

In January, Grayslake resident Michael Bond will become the State Senate District 31 senator. Bond, 36, was elected to the position on Nov. 7.

The Democrat is replacing the district's current senator, Adeline Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis has represented District 31 for decades.

ence here, but there comes a time when you move on," he said. "A person couldn't ask for a better career than I've had at Mundelein. I want to leave at the top of my game, and I'm excited about doing something else."

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## Check it out

COLUMNIST Jamie Kunzer talks about being Dr. Mom and having to take care of children when they are not feeling well.

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HEALTH COLUMNIST Linda DeFever discusses how the holiday season is the perfect time to start an exercise program and keep New Year's resolutions.

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## A night out

'The All Night Strut' is set to entertain audiences and keep them stomping their feet through Feb. 11 at the Marriott Theatre.

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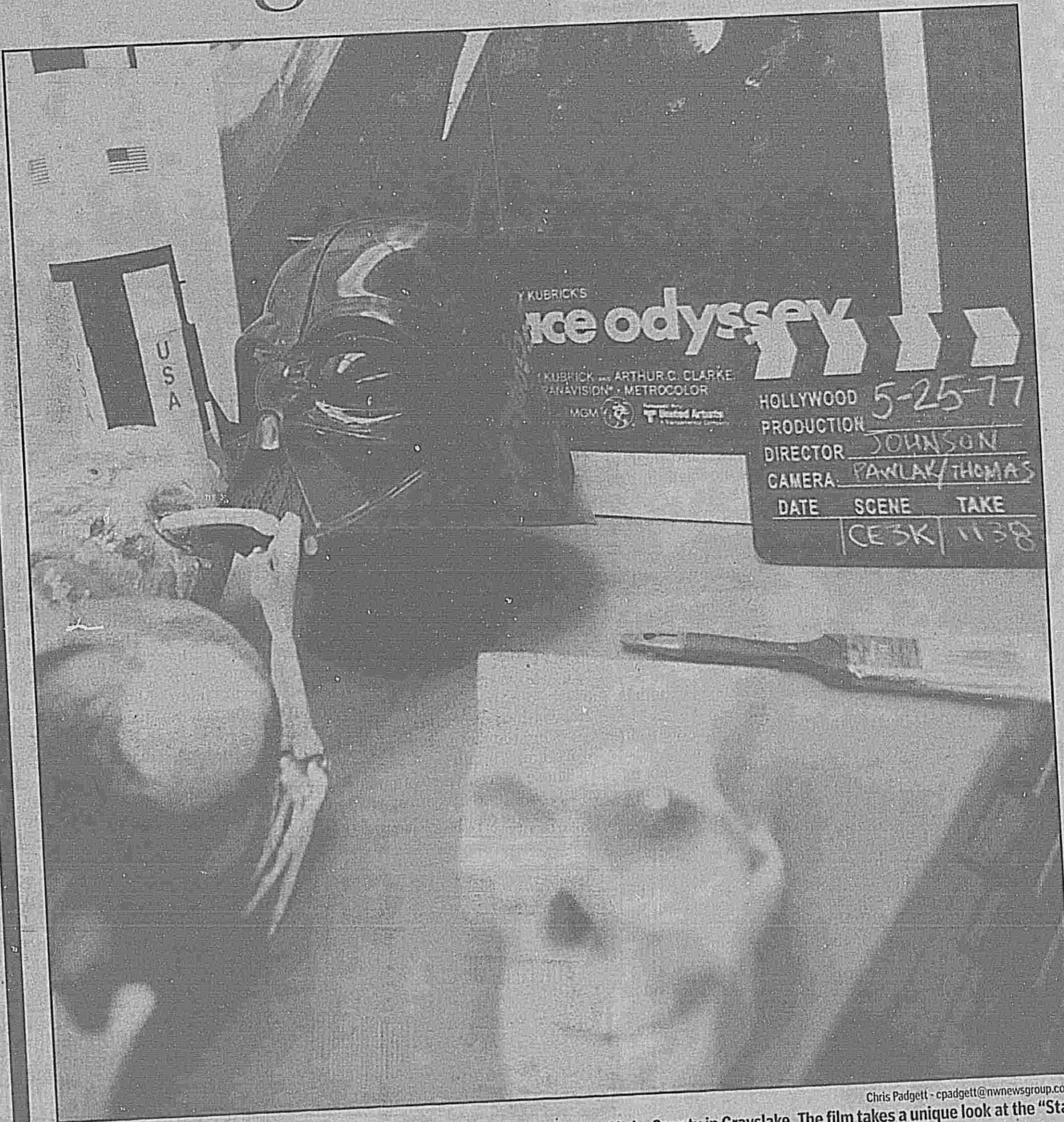
## A 'dreamy' film

Jeffrey Westoff reviews 'Dreamgirls,' starring Beyoncé Knowles and former American Idol contestant Jennifer Hudson.

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# Setting 'Star Wars' stage



Props sit on a cabinet in the editing room for the film "5-25-77" at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. The film takes a unique look at the "Star Wars" saga and was created in the Lake County area by several CLC students. See the story on page C2.

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# 'Star Wars' fans create film at area college

By TARA CLIFTON  
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GRAYSLAKE – It might be hard for someone to understand a person who loves "Star Wars," if that love is not shared.

Not everyone gets excited when learning that the first three letters of TIE Fighter (a spaceship used by the Empire in the "Star Wars" universe) stand for Twin Ion Engine.

Recently, several "Star Wars" fans at the College of Lake County created a film to make money for their obsession.

Patrick Read Johnson, a native of Wadsworth, has written, directed and is now producing "5-25-77," a sort of coming-of-age tale that revolves around his love of "Star Wars."

Kat Thomas, the movie's editor, and Michael Pawlak, the visual effects supervisor, have spent many, many hours at the college editing footage, eating sandwiches and arguing about whether Han Solo's ship really did the Kessel Run in 12 parsecs.

The crew is in the process of splicing together clips, after filming in Wadsworth, Gurnee, Waukegan, Wildwood, Grayslake, Round Lake and McHenry.

Because the movie is based on Johnson's life, he wanted to shoot it in the area where he grew up.

Johnson also has directed "Spaced Invaders" and "Baby's Day Out." And he helped write the script for "Dragonheart" and has done television work for Fox and Jim Henson Studios.

But "5-25-77" has been a project near and dear to Johnson's heart, and he began writing the script in 1999 and shooting in 2004.

And during the current editing process, CLC students are helping out.

"We don't have galley slaves rowing the boat," Johnson said. "But we have people working and wanting to dip their toe in the water."

The crew hopes to have the film released on May 25, 2007, which is not a coincidence. Pawlak said the movie will probably premiere in Los Angeles and then locally at the Genesee Theater in Waukegan.

"It's not a movie just for "Star Wars" fans," Thomas said.

"Star Wars" is the fulcrum that it turns on," Johnson finished.

Those who love "Star Wars" will like the movie, Johnson said, because it often references the films. Everybody else will enjoy the story.

But Pawlak, Thomas and Johnson do not hide their love for that galaxy far, far away. I was glad, because otherwise I would have felt like a dork.

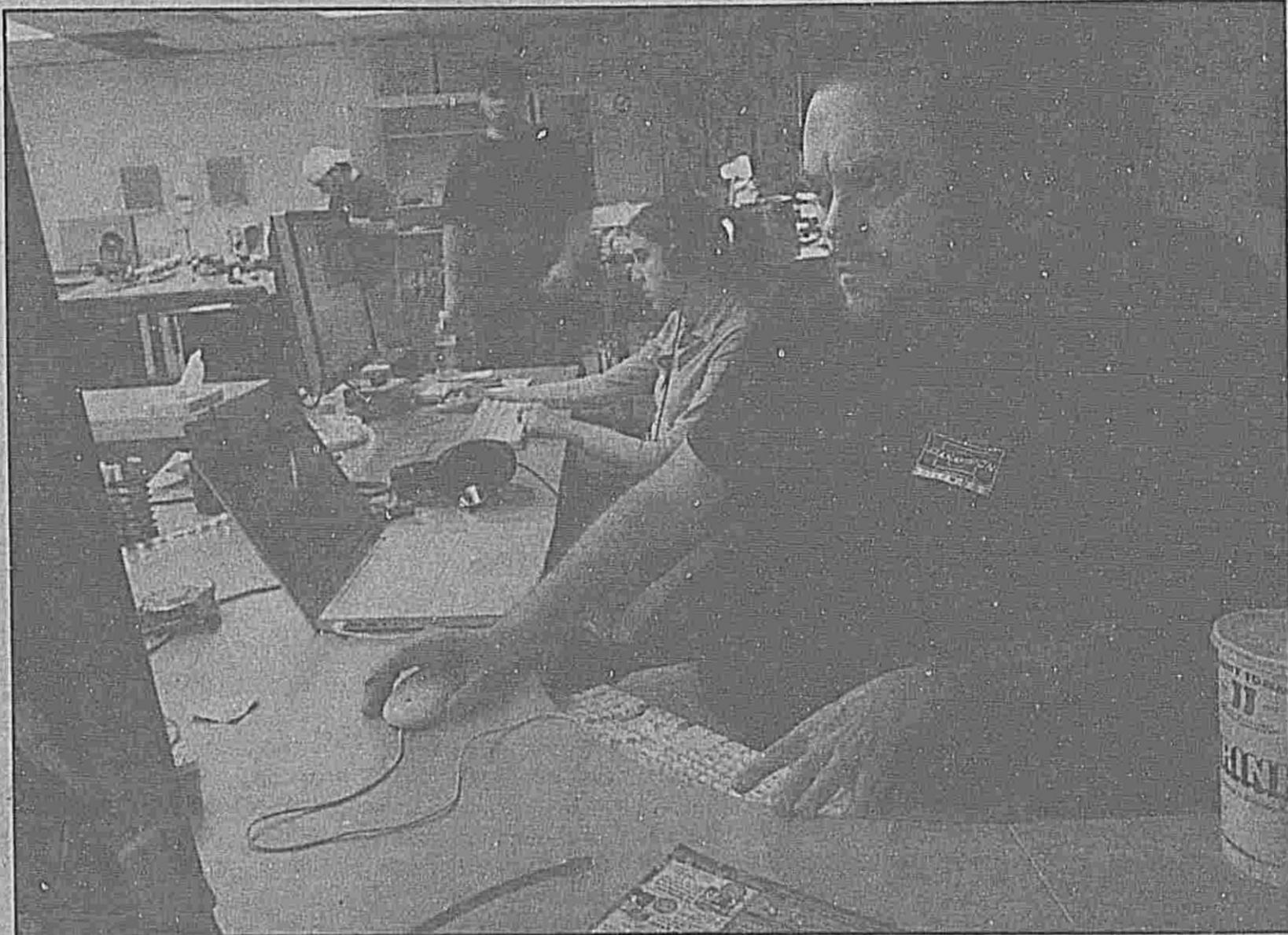
From the ceiling where they work hangs a TIE Fighter model, a little Yoda sits on Johnson's desk and a Darth Vader helmet rests in a corner of room A220, where they are working on the film at the college.

Star Trek also is a favorite, evidenced from a hanging model of the original Starship Enterprise. And Johnson has a "Planet of the Apes" lunch box on his desk.

But don't think they are dorks or stay at home on Saturday night dressed like Obi Wan Kenobi while watching "Return of the Jedi."

John Tenuto, a sociology professor at the college, has spent the past semester researching the stereotypes associated with "Star Wars," "Star Trek" and "Superman" fans, and he has found that many of these fans are not what one might think.

"Star Wars" and "Star Trek" fans, he discovered, are well educated, tend to be in their early to mid-30s, are



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**Director Patrick Read Johnson edits a scene for the upcoming film "5-25-77." The film set mirrors Johnson's life at the time of the theatrical release of "Star Wars" and is set in various areas of Lake County.**

creative, are married and have healthy social lives.

Tenuto conducted an online survey, of which 7,700 people from 50 countries responded. He interviewed 25 of these people.

And contrary to popular opinion, women are the most active fans, Tenuto said. It is true that more men like "Star Wars" and "Star Trek," but women are more overt, going to conventions, dressing up like characters and writing fan fiction.

"[The study] broke almost all stereotypes of the 'Star Wars' fan," Tenuto said.

Those stereotypes often are perpetuated by the media, and if they get repeated enough, Tenuto said, they become reality.

The study also revealed some more light-hearted facts, such as Darth Vader and Han Solo tied for fans' favorite characters. As for everyone's favorite movie, "The Empire Strikes Back" ranked at the top, and "Revenge of the Sith" came second.

Tenuto's findings will be published in Geek Magazine, trekmovie.com and in a documentary produced by CLC students.

Cristian and Cortney Macht, a brother-sister pair that attend CLC, are producing the hour-long documentary, "The Force Among Us." They hope to peddle the feature to HBO and other channels.

"Outside Skywalker Ranch," Tenuto said. "CLC is the hottest place right now for Star Wars film making."

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# BRIDAL SHOWCASE

## Engagements

### Nicole Miller & Ashley Ramig

Nicole Leigh Miller and Ashley Laurence Ramig, both formerly of Collinsville, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Nicole is the daughter of Wayne and Sharon Sensel of Centralia, and (the late) Stephen E. Miller. She was the Valedictorian of Centralia High School's class of 1995. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with her Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance in 1999, and then with her Master of Science degree in Economics and Finance in 2001. Nicole spent several years as an analyst for A.G. Edwards in St. Louis, and is now a Valuation Analyst for ComStock Valuation Advisors in Wheaton. She is pursuing her Master of Accounting degree from Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago, and she is a Level 3 candidate in the Chartered Financial Analyst program.

Ashley is the son of Bob and Joan Ramig of Spring Grove. He graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management in 2004. He is the Manager of Logistics at Chemtool, Inc. in Crystal Lake. He plans to pursue his Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University in Crystal Lake this spring. An April 28 wedding will be held in Fairview Heights.



Nicole Miller & Ashley Ramig

## Make those out-of-town wedding guests feel at home

Weddings are a big occasion not only for the bride and groom, but for their friends and families as well. It is a great chance for people who don't see each other as often as they would like to reconnect.

Of course, the ceremony is the main focus, and the reason that everyone is gathered. But for out of town guests, spending time together at their hotel is another opportunity to visit and catch up.

Include hotel information along with the wedding invitation so it's easy for out-of-towners to find a place to stay. It's also a great way to let those attending the wedding know where other guests will be staying. Many hotels will give large groups a discount on rooms, so brides and grooms can ensure

that their guests get the best rate as well.

Out of town guests will appreciate hotel recommendations that keep their needs in mind.

- The hotel should be located near the site of the wedding or the reception. This means once guests are at the hotel, they should have an easy time finding their way to the big event.

- Keep guests' finances in mind. It is a gesture of fondness for guests to travel to the wedding, but it can get expensive. Transportation, hotel and dining expenses add up quickly. And then there's the wedding gift. Choose a hotel that offers much-appreciated complimentary amenities, such as a free hot breakfast and free Internet access.

## To Do

### Swing Shift Orchestra

The Alan Gresik Swing Shift Orchestra will perform at the Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Burn St., in Woodstock at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6. Reserved seating is \$22.

Having played the legendary Green Mill jazz club in Chicago for the past eight years, the Swing Shift Orchestra has become well known for its ability to transform a concert into a spectacular old-time radio show.

For more information or tickets, call (815) 338-5300.

### FestaBulls fundraiser

The Chicago Bulls and Verizon Wireless will host the 18th annual

FestaBulls dinner auction to raise the funds the CharitaBulls, the Bulls' nonprofit organization, on Thursday, Jan. 18.

For more information, call (312) 455-4122, or visit [www.CharitaBulls.org](http://www.CharitaBulls.org).

### Winter art classes

The Art Center Highland Park (formerly Suburban Fine Arts Center) will host winter art classes for adults and children Jan. 8 through March 31. Jewelry making, ceramics, drawing, painting, printmaking, cartooning, storytelling and knitting are among the activities offered.

The art center is located at 1957 Sheridan Road in downtown Highland Park.

For more information, call (847) 432-1888.

### 'The All Night Strut'

Libertyville resident Ian Liberto is currently starring in "The All Night Strut" at Marriott Theatre, running through Feb. 11 at 10 Marriott Drive, in Lincolnshire.

An explosive evening of song and dance, conceived by Marriott Artistic Director, Aaron Thielen, and award-winning director and choreographer, Marc Robin, "The All Night Strut" features the talents of 23 dancers and singers, five choreographers, and six musical arrangers.

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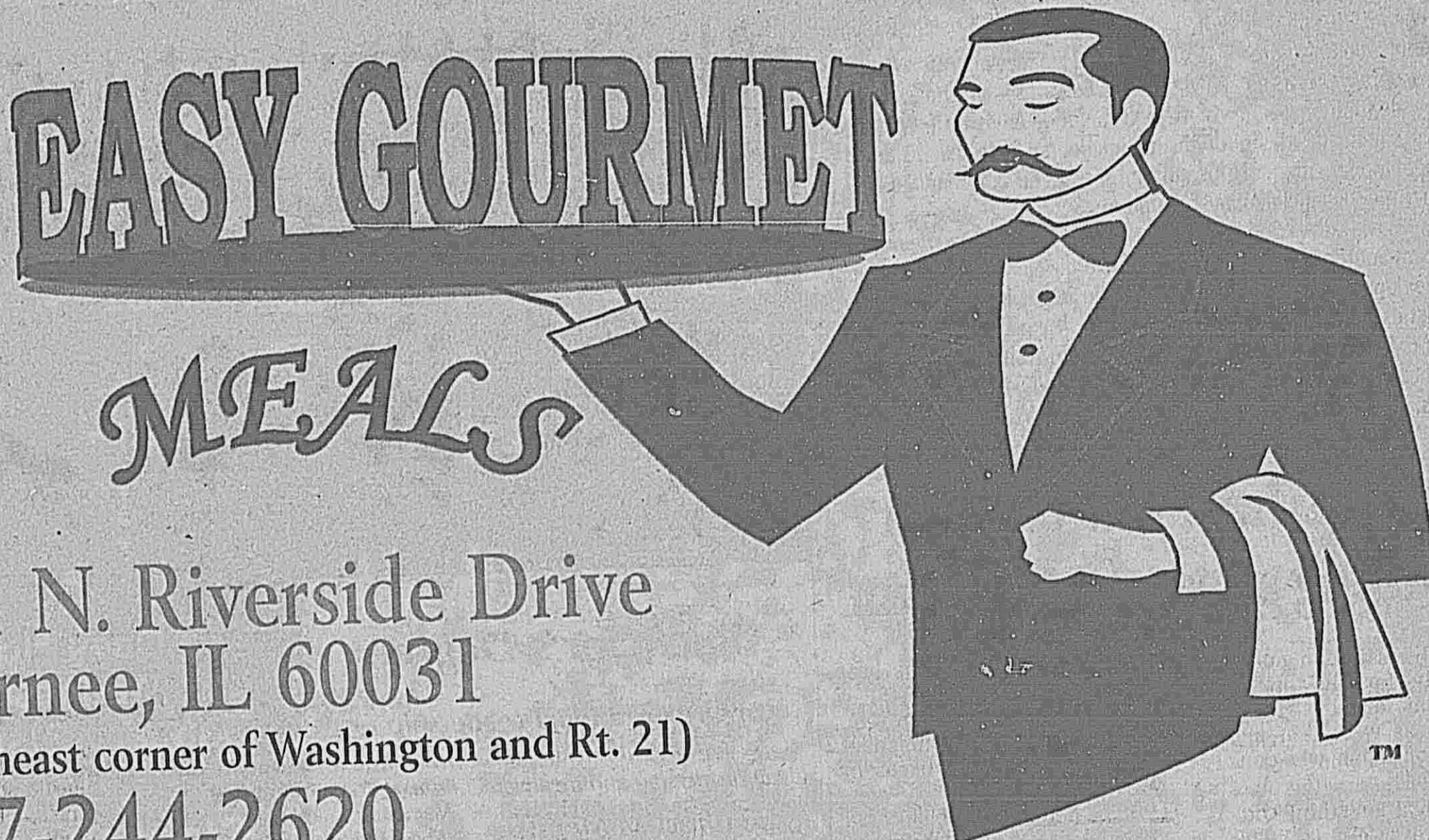
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## • Health beat

# This New Year's, keep that goal of exercising

With the holiday season almost behind us, and the new year a few days away, thoughts of beginning an exercise program might be surfacing.

We all know we should exercise, and many of us start with good intentions. But after a few weeks, other activities seem to be more important, and the exercise program goes by the way side.

What can you do to stay motivated? Setting concrete, realistic goals is a good place to start.

I have a client that in 10 months will be hiking the Grand Canyon – 6,000 feet up and down, with a 50-pound

knapsack on her back, and probably walking at least six hours a day. That is good motivation to stick to an exercise program!

This trip is something she really wants to do, and she must be prepared to handle it. The goal is very concrete – we know the timeframe; we know how much weight she will be carrying; and she knows that she needs to become good at hiking uphill, as well as downhill, for hours in a row for several days.

What goal do you have that you can link to your exercise program? Is there an activity you want to do? Do you have an

aesthetic goal? Can you quantify your goal in some way so you know whether or not you have achieved it?

If your goal is to lose weight, I would suggest you switch your goal to losing body fat.

Measuring your progress on a scale can be very deceiving, as muscle weighs more than fat. It is very possible to lose fat, look slimmer, and yet weigh more.

Once you know your goal, you can plan your strategy for achieving it. Using the example of fat loss, the best way to achieve that goal is to weight train.

As your muscles become

stronger, you increase your metabolic rate, meaning you burn more calories each hour all day long.

Steady-state cardiovascular training like as cycling or running is catabolic, meaning it decreases muscle mass,

which is not helpful to the goal of fat loss, as it will decrease your metabolic rate.

Hire a qualified personal

trainer, or a C.H.E.K Practitioner to help you if you don't know the best way to set up your exercise program to achieve your goals.

Pick a type of physical activity you enjoy that is in line with your goals.

If you like it, you will be more motivated to do it. Then add variety so you don't get bored.

• Linda DeFever is the owner of Vitality Inc., Where Exercise and Nutrition Meet in Balance at Serenity Health Resources in Wauconda. To have your health and fitness questions answered, e-mail DeFever at ocfever01@yahoo.com.

## • Everymom

## Doctor mom can never go off call

I spent much of the earlier part of this month cleaning up bodily fluids, fretting over coughs and checking foreheads.

Other moms seem to have that uncanny ability to transform their palms into thermometers.

But my hands always seem cold, so every time I touch my children's foreheads, I think they're hot. But then I think, well, they're supposed to be at least warm. So then I feel my forehead and it feels warm, too. So I need to feel someone else's forehead, usually my husband's or my other daughter's for comparison.

And then I still can't really tell who's hot or who's just warm.

In short, I don't think I do sickness very well.

When my husband gets sick, I get annoyed. I know I should be making chicken soup and bringing him liquids and all that. I always ask about his well-being and whether he has taken medicine and whatnot.

Which brings me to another point of this long-winded column: The torturous things that we have to do to our children when they are sick and how frustrated I feel doing them.

The other night, I spent much of the evening soothing one of my twin daughters, whose cold

has turned her nose into some kind of science experiment.

It really is amazing how much snot such a tiny little nose can pack. Where does it all come from? I wipe it. And seconds later, it has exploded again like a gusher.

I can take diaper changes. And I've gotten better at the whole nail trimming thing, though I still feel like I need a massage afterward. But I really hate sticking one of those snot suckers up my baby's nose when

she just wants to be cuddled. The louder the suck, the louder the cry. Not to mention the dreaded thermometer up the rear.

I digress.

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Jami Kunzer

## 'All Night Strut' entertainment

By TOM WITOM  
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Old is new again, thanks to a thoroughly updated "The All Night Strut," as it offers "Fascinatin' Rhythm" at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

Director and choreographer Marc Robin, working with a host of collaborators, has transformed the song-and-dance revue that debuted off-Broadway on Oct. 4, 1979, with a cast of four. In fact, this slick version greatly expands an earlier "Strut" Robin staged in 1999 at the late Drury Lane Evergreen Park Theatre.

The latest revue features the work of 23 ebullient performers, five choreographers and six musical arrangers.

Originally conceived by Fran Charnas, the production focuses on musical hits of the '30s and '40s influenced by the Depression, World War II and the post-war boom. "Strut" incorporates not only swing, jazz and tap but also newly added hip-hop and aerial dance numbers.

The work of songwriters Duke Ellington, Cab Calloway, Hoagy Carmichael and Ira and George Gershwin are all represented. The two-act show uses seven movements to wrap itself around such classics as "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Minnie the Moocher," "A Wing and a Prayer," "Lullaby of Broadway," "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That



Photo provided  
Lucy Carapetyan performs an aerial dance in "The All Night Strut" at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

### Tickets, please

**What:** "The All Night Strut"  
**Where:** Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Dr., Lincolnshire  
**When:** Through Feb. 11, 2007  
**Tickets:** \$42 to \$45  
**Show information:** (847) 634-0200

"Swing)" and "Fascinatin' Rhythm."

Jim Weitzer, using his smooth-as-honey voice, impressed with the solo, "A Nightingale Sang in Barkley Square" while Joe Komara and Lisa Rumbauskas expertly danced.

The strong voices of Marriott veterans Susan Moniz, Susie McMonagle and Stephen Schellhardt also pro-

vided zest to the revue. Matt Schwader was a hit as Coda, a lovable clown in the Cirque du Soleil mold, functioning as a kind of master of ceremonies.

A flashy aerial ballet, done to "White Cliffs of Dover," opened the second act and swept the audience off its feet. Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi worked with Robin on the choreography that gave flight to Lucy Carapetyan, Tommy Rapley and Eric Shorey.

They were joined by tumblers Tucker Ty, Buddy Reeder, Christopher Windom, Jo Komora and Allison Stodola as well as the corps de ballet: Beverly Durand, Nia Gregory, Nicole Famighetti, Kristy Luehm and Pia Manalo.

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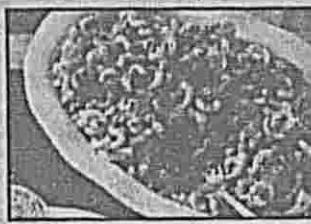
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## RATINGS

★★★  
EXCELLENT

★★★  
GOOD

★★  
AVERAGE

★  
AWFUL



Photo provided  
Beyoncé Knowles, Anika Noni Rose and Jennifer Hudson star in "Dreamgirls," a musical based on the Supremes.

## 'Dreamgirls' dazzles viewers

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF  
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Despite performances certain to gain Oscar nominations for Jennifer Hudson and Eddie Murphy, "Dreamgirls" is a true ensemble piece.

Based on Henry Krieger and Tom Eyen's Broadway musical, "Dreamgirls" has a dynamic cast of stars and pros, including Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles and Danny Glover. The script allows each star a moment to shine.

If some shine brighter than the others when they get their moment, they strengthen the film rather than upstage their co-stars.

A backstage drama at a fictionalized Motown Records, "Dreamgirls" substitutes a girl group named the Dreamettes (Knowles, Hudson and Anika Noni Rose) for the Supremes and Curtis Taylor Jr. (Foxx) for Berry Gordy Jr.

The stage show was set in New York, but the movie's writer-director, Bill Condon, solidifies the story's ties to reality by changing the story

### "Dreamgirls"

★ ★ ★

**Director/ writer:** Bill Condon  
**Genre:** Musical  
**Additional information:** Rated PG-13 for language, some sexuality and drug content; Running time is 125 minutes

venue to take place in Detroit. The Dreams get their break as backup singers for James

Thunder Early (Murphy), a soul-stirrer patterned after the very non-Motown James Brown.

But Curtis covets crossover success for

his label. He doubts white record buyers will accept an aggressively sexual black male such as James, so Curtis begins to promote the



Jeffrey Westhoff

### Dreamettes.

Curtis believes white America will embrace a demure trio of black women, but he has one more change in store. He dumps blues-beltin' Effie (Hudson) as lead singer in favor of delicate and beautiful Deena (Knowles).

That would make Deena Diana Ross and Effie Florence Ballard. By process of elimination, Ross's character, Lorell, would be Mary Wilson. Please mark your scorecards accordingly.

One reason Effie loses her lead spot is because she's a plus-size woman, but in reality Ballard didn't gain weight until after Ross took her place. Even though this doesn't jibe with the Supremes' history, it ironically parallels Hudson's ignominious departure from "American Idol."

Winning "American Idol" would never have boosted Hudson's career the way "Dreamgirls" has. To watch this film is to watch a star being born.

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**Apocalypto:** R

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## • Relish the American Table

# Chop Suey is classic dish

By JEAN KRESSY  
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American chop suey, a charter member of the comfort food crowd, was the dish that used to fill us up at potluck suppers and cafeteria lunches. It was doled out in big spoonfuls, and we ate it with bread and iceberg lettuce salads.

When we tried to remember exactly what went into a plate of American chop suey, we recalled beef, macaroni, tomatoes and bits of celery and onion. Then we drew a blank.

When we tracked down the origins, we learned there wasn't any more to American chop suey than what we remembered. Except for salt and pepper, there were virtually no seasonings and despite the name, it wasn't Chinese.

**American Chop Suey**  
Serves 6 (about 10 cups total)

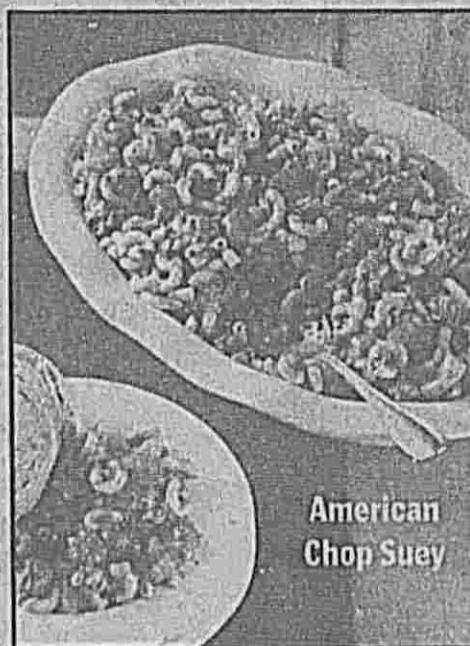
Ingredients:

1 pound ground lean beef  
1 medium onion, chopped (about 1 cup)  
2 celery ribs, chopped (about 1 cup)  
1 (14 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes  
1 1/2 cups jarred tomato-based pasta sauce  
1/2 cup water  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/8 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper  
8 ounces (2 cups) uncooked elbow macaroni

## Directions:

Heat a large, nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef, onion and celery; cook, mixing occasionally with a large spoon to break up meat, until beef is browned and onion is softened. Add tomatoes, pasta sauce, water, tomato paste, salt and pepper. Cover and simmer 15 minutes.

Cook macaroni according to pack-



American Chop Suey

age directions; drain and transfer to a large bowl. Add sauce and toss to combine.

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# Strong acting sizzles in new 'Dreamgirls'

## • DREAMGIRLS

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Hudson is the powerhouse of the cast, given the most pain to emote and the most numbers to belt.

She squeezes so much anger and anguish into the song "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," it's amazing she has any emotions left for the rest of her performance. But Hudson's acting is strong in scenes where she doesn't sing, such as Effie's humiliation in a welfare office after being fired from the Dreamettes.

Murphy's performance also sizzles because it mirrors his career.

When James Thunder Early first appears, Murphy is as rascally and playful as he was in 1984. When the singer's career stalls, the disappointment on Murphy's face reflects his own slump in the 1990s. His singing is terrific, too, although "Dreamgirls"

doesn't offer Murphy anything as memorable as his 1982 hit "Boogie in Your Butt."

Oddly, few songs in "Dreamgirls" feature the Motown sound. Most could have come out of Motown's Memphis rival, Stax. Only the title tune sounds like a number by the Supremes, but the most authentic Motown number is "Perfect World," performed by unnamed Jackson 5 doppelgangers.

Music might lift "Dreamgirls," but it also brings it down. Like many modern Broadway musicals, it features songs that amount to characters shouting at each other in rhyme. Only "Jesus Christ Superstar" has pulled this off, and only because its songs bordered on camp.

Knowles and Foxx's contributions shouldn't be ignored, but Hudson and Murphy make "Dreamgirls" exhilarating. If only a few numbers were less screechy, the movie would be solid gold.

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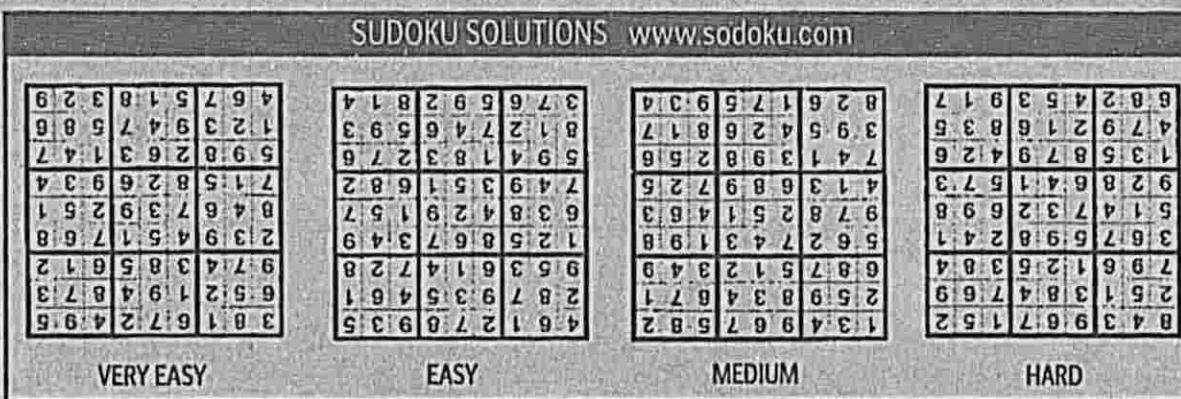
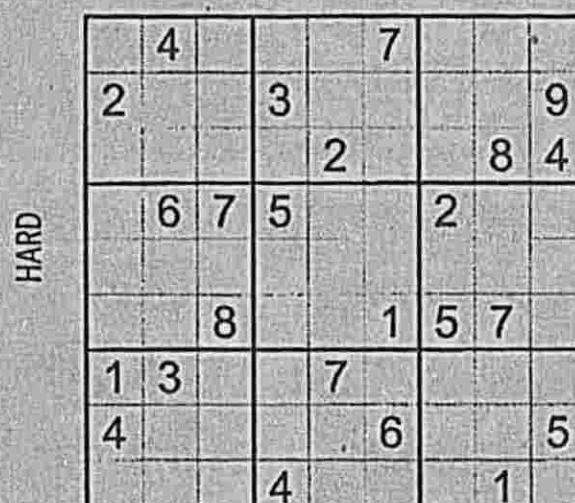
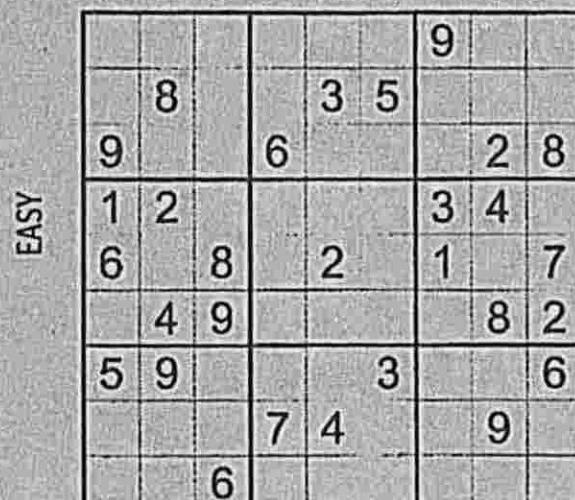
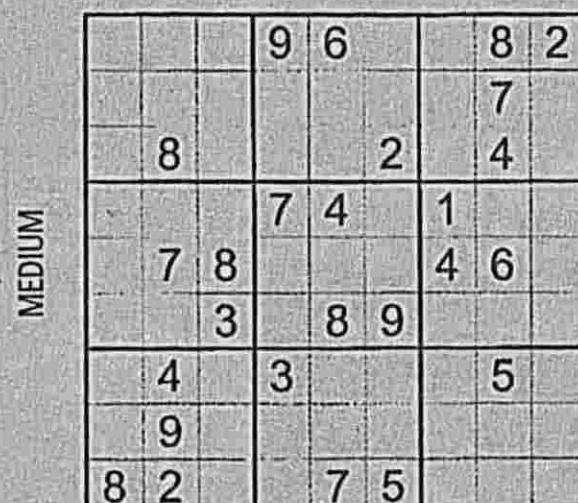
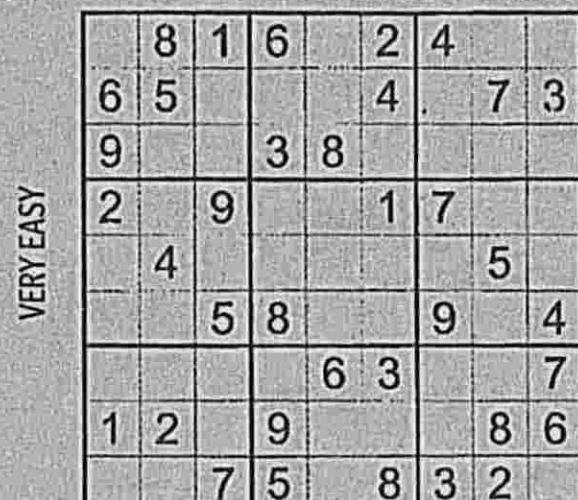
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**PISCES** – Feb 19/Mar 20  
You'll be a bit pushy this week, Pisces. For once, you won't care what others think.

**ARIES** – Mar 21/Apr 20  
It will be easy for you to get your way this week, Aries, even if you don't necessarily deserve to.

**TAURUS** – Apr 21/May 21  
You may want to take what you're told with a grain of salt, Taurus, as communication might not be too clear this week.

**GEMINI** – May 22/Jun 21  
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**CANCER** – Jun 22/Jul 22  
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36. In a way, recreates
39. Real estate
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43. Alligator
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45. Rings
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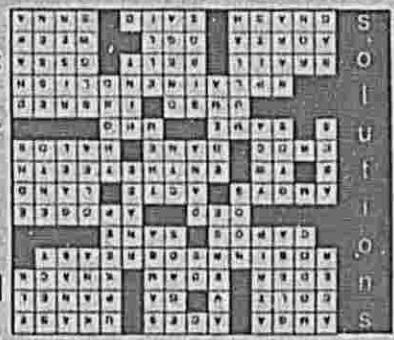
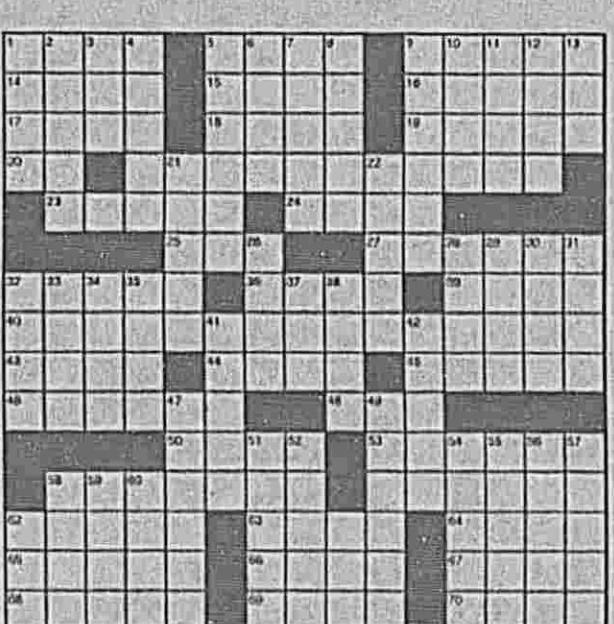
68. A way to grind

69. Arab king

70. Soluble ribonucleic acid, abbr.

**DOWN**

1. Maple genus
2. Indian tribe
3. Lumps of soil
4. Aweigh
5. Strongly opposed
6. Give over
7. Good Gosh!
8. Ballroom dancing
9. Maintenance
10. Japanese characters
11. Swan genus
12. A dissenting clique
13. Large northern deer
14. Rope
15. Ribonuclease
16. Carvey, comedian
17. Olive tree genus
18. Kelt
19. Within, prefix
20. Old English letters
21. Basics
22. Being nothing more than specified
23. Native American people
24. Urban gym
25. Box, abbr.
26. Not us
27. Excessive fluid accumulation
28. Lash
29. Islamic teacher
30. In a way, suggested briefly
31. Wild ox
32. Russian lake
33. Squanders
34. The vertical
35. Part of a stair
36. City in Germany
37. Capital of Bangladesh
38. Atomic number 26
39. Ancient Japanese religious ctr.
40. Holes
41. Norse goddess of old age
42. Take unlawfully



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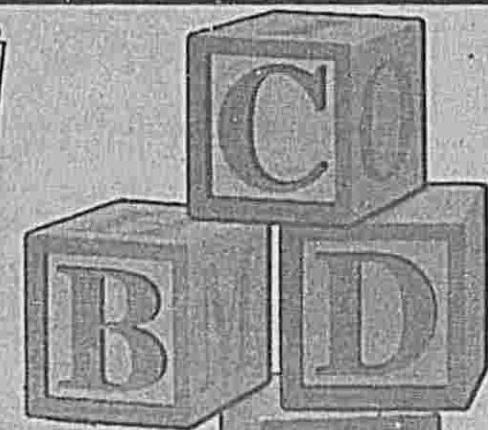
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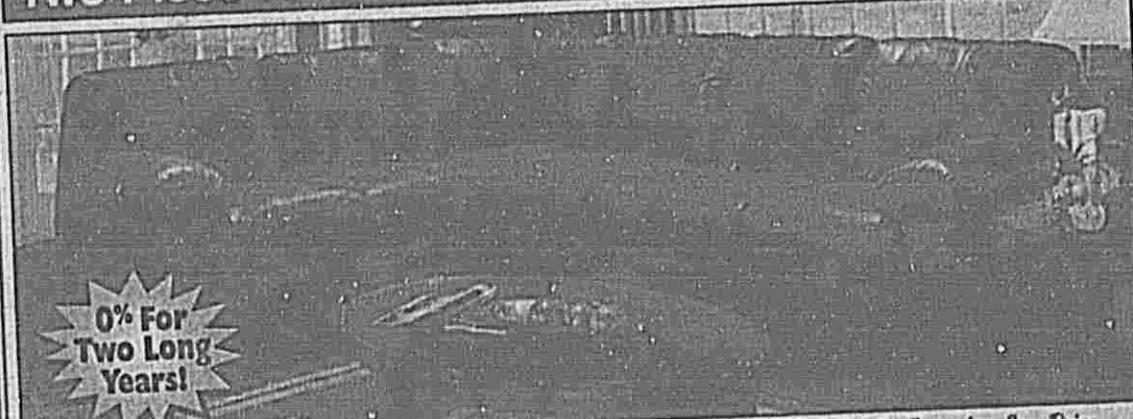
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## TOP STORIES OF LAKE VILLA/LINDENHURST

# Woman found dead at Lindenhurst Burger King

Mary Hutchison, a Burger King store manager, was found dead early Nov. 27, at the fast food restaurant, located at Munn Road and Route 132 in Lindenhurst. Around 5:15 a.m., a day-shift employee arrived to find Hutchison in an interior office, said Lindenhurst Chief of Police Jack McKeever.

James Ealy, 42, of Lake Villa, is being held in the Lake County Jail without bond on a first degree homicide charge in connection with her death.

## Lindenhurst builds its first Veterans Memorial

More than 250 people participated in the dedication ceremony of the new Lindenhurst Veterans Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 11, Veterans' Day.

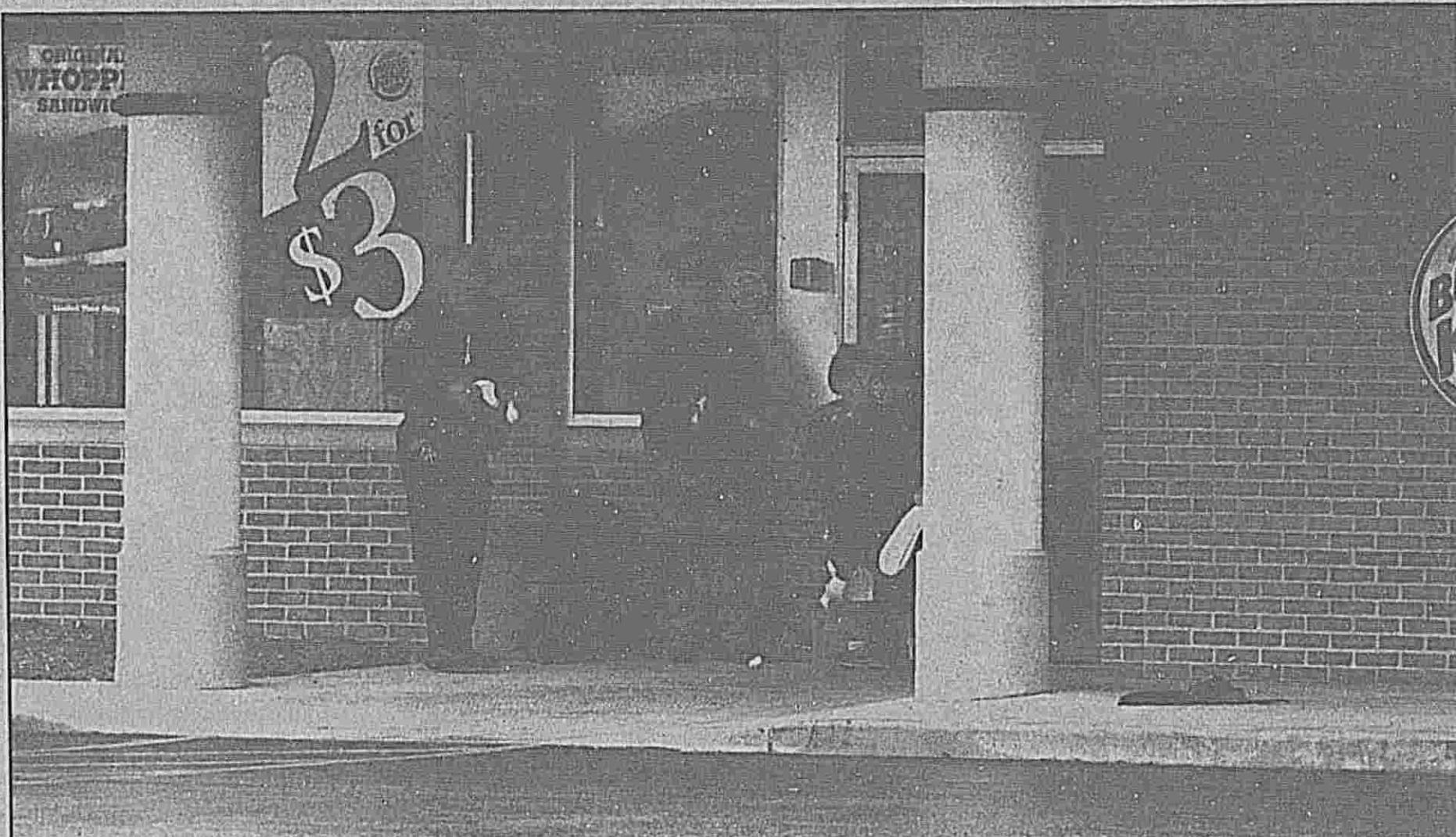
The monument featured five black granite slabs with a black granite arch over each one. Each slab represented a branch of the military and the arch symbolized their unity. Water flowed around the granite, meant to remind memorial visitors of the tears for those who have been lost.

## Lakes principal resigns

District officials asked, almost begged, the community for trust after Lakes High School Principal Robert Crist turned in his resignation to Superintendent Jay Sabatino Feb. 28.

In early March, District 117 School Board President Philip A. Delany stood before a throng of furious and confused people at Antioch Community High School.

"This body [crowd] should under-



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Lake County Police, along with the Lake County Major Crime Task Force, investigate a homicide that took place at Burger King, located at 1440 E. Grand Ave. in Lindenhurst. Police have charged James Ealy for the death of Mary Hutchison, a Burger King store manager.

stand that this school board is like yourself," he told the crowd. "We have children in here and we like you have a vested interest."

But many have found it difficult to put their faith in the school board and the superintendent. A week has passed since the board accepted Crist's resigna-

tion, and many questions had not been answered.

Crist was not awarded a severance package.

Dave Dziki, school board member, said he would love to tell residents what happened.

However, Dziki said officials are not

allowed to discuss publicly the conditions surrounding Crist's resignation. Not only is it prohibited by the Open Meetings Act under personnel matters, but it would be a violation of Crist's privacy, Dziki said.

"They have to trust us," Dziki said. "That's the catch-22. We're bound by law."

## TOP STORIES OF ANTIOTH

# Proposed water park sparks controversy with residents

Residents of the Arbors of Windmill Creek subdivision expressed their disdain for the proposed Winnie B. Sorenson Aquatic Center.

A group of about 20 people gathered in front of the Antioch Park Commission July 19, many of them loudly voicing their frustrations.

Joyce Frounfelker, the most outspoken of the group, told commission members that many Arbors residents feel that village officials dismiss their opinions.

"It's our back yard so we're more concerned than someone in another neighborhood," Frounfelker said. "It affects us more than the village."

The water park's site sits on 20 acres of land that lies along North Avenue.



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Kris Roeker, coach of the Antioch Waves' swim team, addresses the Antioch park commission during a public hearing regarding the proposed Antioch Aquatic and Recreation Center.

## AUGS Band goes to NYC

The marching band season was a lot of hard work, said

Sarah and Michael Beckman of Lake Villa, but in the end it all paid off.

The two belonged to Antioch Upper Grade School's senior band, which was invited to march in New York City during the St. Patrick's Day parade in the middle of March.

The school year was a flurry of practicing and fund raising, the Beckmans said.

The band left after practice March 14 and hopped on a bus for a 19-hour ride, Kathleen said.

After the massive and extravagant parade, the kids received a small tour of the Big Apple, the Beckmans said.

## District 34 referendum fails

Election night was disappointing for Scott Thompson last spring.

School District 34's referendum asking taxpayers to help

fund two new schools failed. Thompson, district superintendent, said he would like to know why.

The proposal lost by a margin of 600 to 700 votes.

Officials had no alternative to the \$45.6 million building project. If the referendum had been approved, it would have increased the tax rate by 20 cents. For a home with a value of \$200,000, it would have added \$123 a year to that homeowner's taxes.

Thompson said he had a sense that people felt they were over-taxed already, and didn't want to add another to the list.

"I just feel bad for the kids," Thompson said. "We need to find ways to house the kids we have with the space we have."

## TOP STORIES OF WAUKEGAN

# Shimer College says goodbye to Waukegan

After mulling the decision for several months, Shimer College, the small "Great Books School of the Midwest," opted to move most of its operations off its Sheridan Road campus in Waukegan, which it has called home since 1979.

The college's board of trustees voted at its Jan. 17 meeting to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), which moved the faculty, staff and students to that school's campus on the south side of Chicago.

Shimer began operations at its new home at the beginning of the fall 2006 semester.

**Curran takes over as sheriff**

After a heated campaign leading up to the Nov. 7 election, Republican incumbent sheriff Gary Del Re was ousted by Democratic challenger Mark Curran.

Curran, a Waukegan defense attorney who had also served as an assistant state's attorney, was sworn in during a ceremony Dec. 1.

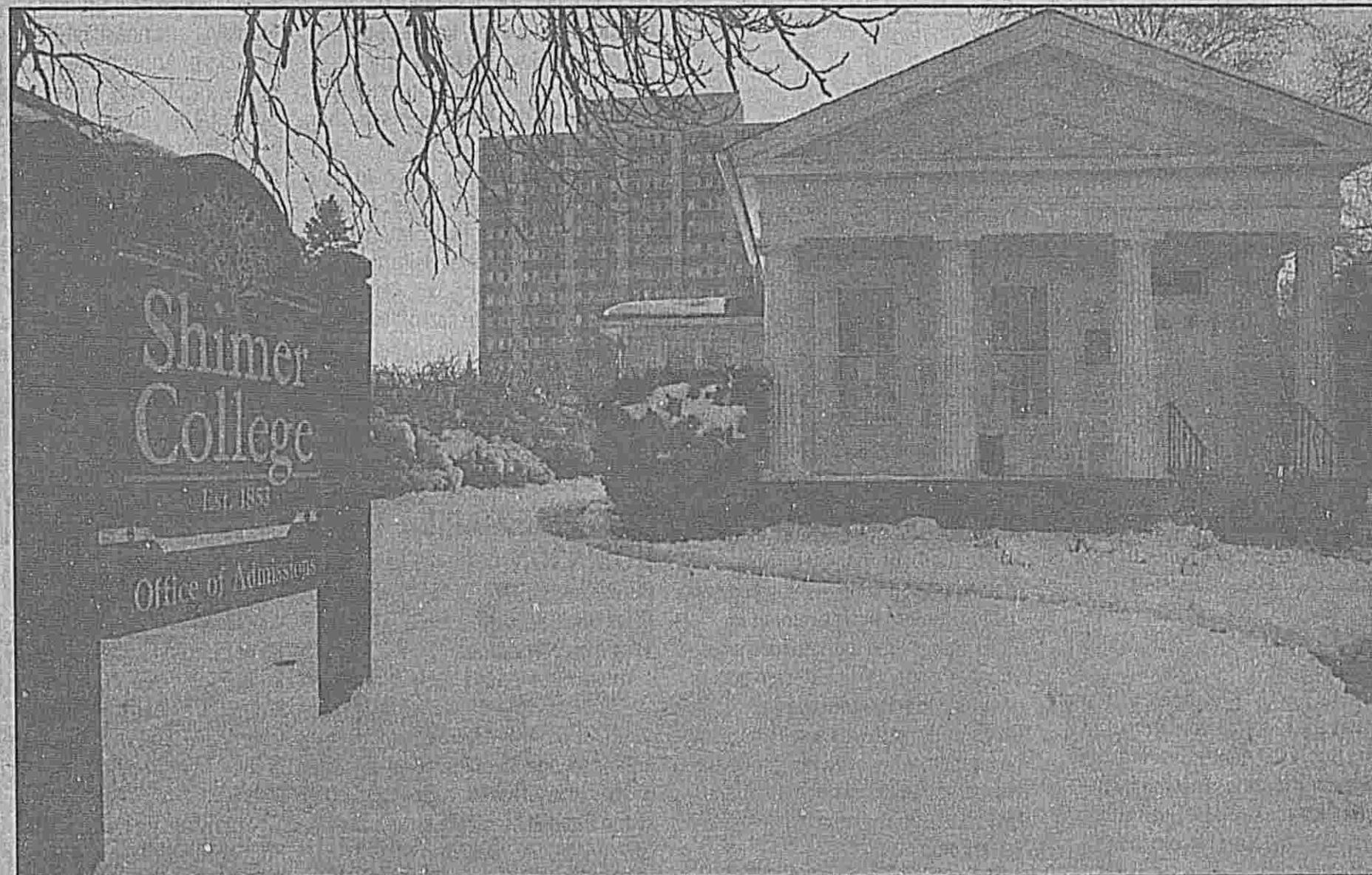
He said he plans to focus on the budget and foster relationships with the county board and administration in the sheriff's office.

**New superintendent takes reigns**

The District 60 Board of Education appointed Donaldo Batiste to the position of superintendent in December of 2005 by a 5-2 vote, but he did not officially take his



**Mark Curran**  
Lake County  
Sheriff



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One of the oldest buildings in Waukegan, the Admissions Office at Shimer College, rests beneath the setting sun on Monday afternoon in Waukegan. Shimer College began expansion in Chicago in the fall 2006 semester.

post until July 1 of 2006.

Since then he has focused on public forums with concerned citizens and fostering a relationship with city officials.

Some of the ways Batiste has said the

district could improve was through setting higher academic standards, using limited resources efficiently and by recruiting qualified teachers to help students progress.

"We've seen a tremendous amount of progress," he said. "We've had a long way to go but, with the right person at the helm, we can only begin to see things get better."

## TOP STORIES OF GURNEE/WADSWORTH

# Pieces of world record snake found in local field

Pieces of Baby, a 403-pound Burmese python, turned up in a field on Dilley's Road in unincorporated Lake County near Gurnee. Gurnee Mills business Serpent Safari had plugged the 27-foot snake - the world's heaviest since 1999 - as its main attraction since it opened in 1998.

Safari employee Kevin Curtis, 20, was charged with illegal dumping. Safari manager Joan Singer said Curtis handled the disposal of Baby's body because owner Lou Daddano's distress prevented him from doing so.

After undergoing a surgery during the week before her death, the 29-year-old snake's health quickly deteriorated, according to Vernon Hills Animal's Hospital veterinarian Stephen Barten.

**A taxing process**

The village of Gurnee Board of Trustees approved three new taxes to try to bridge the gap between the village's expenditures and revenues.

Throughout the course of the year, village officials increased costs for business licenses, implemented a food and beverage tax of 1 percent, and started to charge a fee for ambulance use.

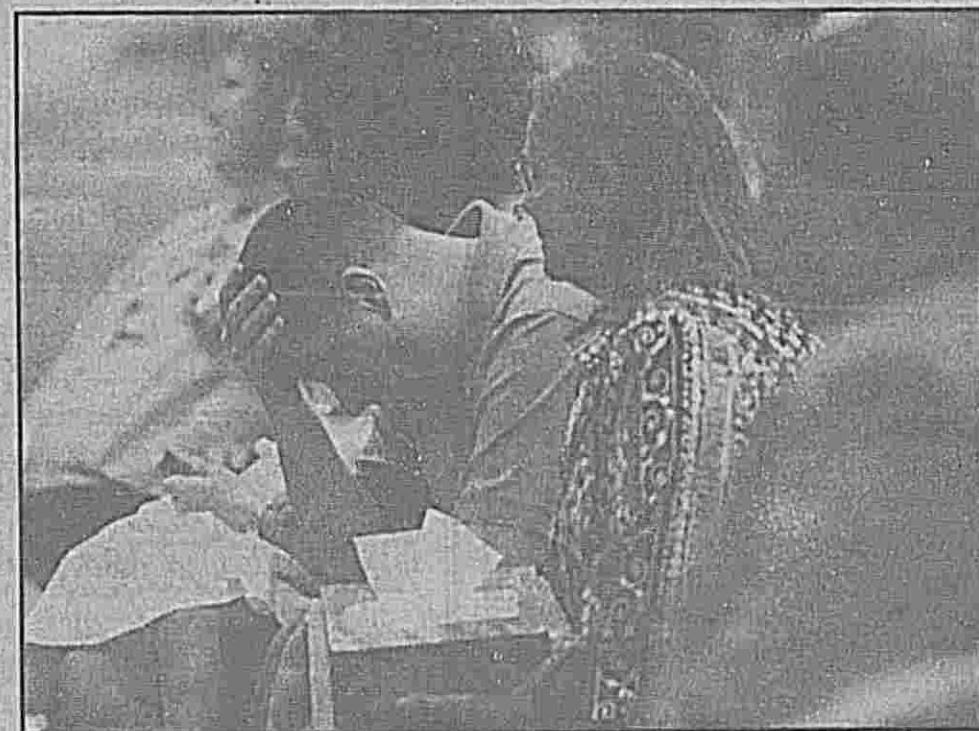
That fee costs \$550, plus medical costs, which can run up to \$1,000. Citizens voiced opposition to the ambulance fee, and seemed indifferent to the food and beverage tax, which village attorney Brian Winter modeled after Naperville's levy to include food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) consumed where purchased.

**Local hero remembered**

Marine Staff Sgt. Edward Davis III was killed in April while serving in Iraq. He was 31. Davis grew up in Waukegan and graduated from Warren Township High School, in Gurnee.

Hundreds of people turned out for his memorial service at the Cornerstone Community Church, in Wadsworth, where Davis' parents are members.

The service June 15 attracted national media attention when it almost did not happen because of a dispute regarding building permits between the village of Wadsworth and the church. In addition to his parents, Davis is survived by his wife, Preina, two daughters and son Edward Davis IV. The family lives in California.



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The family and close friends of Edward G. Davis III grieve during a memorial honoring the fallen marine after he died while serving in Iraq.

## OBITUARIES

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**LINDA MAE CLAYTON**

**Born:** May 14, 1963  
**Died:** Dec. 17, 2006  
*Loved to do puzzles and puzzle books*

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS—Linda Mae Clayton, age 43 of Round Lake Heights, passed away at her home on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, after an extended illness. She was born in Chicago the daughter of Robert and Patricia (Stevens) Cherrie. On Sept. 24, 1982, she married Dewey L. Clayton in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Survivors include her husband of 24 years, Dewey; her two sons, Jonathon Robert Clayton and Joshua Dylan Clayton both at home; her father, Robert Cherrie of Round Lake Heights; her sister, Susan (James) Wilson of Gurnee; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Cherrie.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 21 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the Rev. Lisle J. Kauffman of Calvary Presbyterian Church of Round Lake, officiating.

Interment was in Millburn Cemetery in Old Mill Creek. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 20. Friends desiring, may make contributions to a family memorial. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

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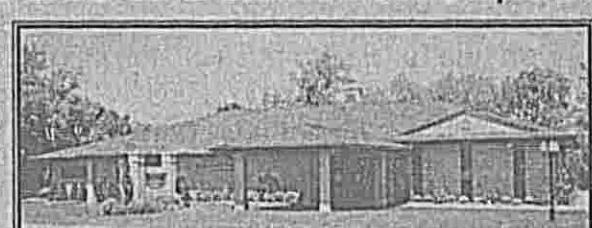


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Heights. Interment followed at Maryhill Cemetery in Niles. Visitation was from 4 to 9 p.m., Dec. 26 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

**WILLARD MEIER**

**Born:** May 1, 1916  
**Died:** Dec. 21, 2006  
*Enjoyed cooking for his wife and family*

**BRISTOL TOWNSHIP, WIS.** — Willard Meier, age 90, passed away on Dec. 21, 2006, following a two month illness. Born in Mt. Prospect, he was the son of the late William L. and Wilhelmina (Rohlwing) Meier. On Sept. 9, 1939, he married Esther Heppner who preceded him to heaven in 1988. On Aug. 12, 1990 he married Louise Kortbein of Salem, Wis. Together they enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; four children, Wilfred (Constance) Meier of Bristol, Wis., Neal (Donna) Meier of Baraboo, Wis., Nadine (Gary) Harris of Kenosha, Wis., Susan (David) Halfhill of Denton, Tex.; and three step-children, Karla (Bud) Musick of Chandler, Ariz., Mark (Barbara) Kortbein of Kenosha, and Ronald (Vivian) Kortbein of Gurnee; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his brother and a sister.

The funeral was held on Dec. 27 at 11 a.m., at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch. Visitation was on Dec. 26 from 5 to 8 p.m., and on Dec. 27, from 10 a.m. until the time of service. A private burial was held at Sunset Ridge Cemetery in Kenosha, Wis. In lieu of flowers, Willard Meier would have loved knowing that memorial remembrances were given to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Antioch. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**DEBRA A. HINSON**

**Born:** June 8, 1960  
**Died:** Dec. 13, 2006  
*Was a teller supervisor at First Midwest Bank in Waukegan*

**WAUKEGAN** — Debora A. Hinson, age 46 of Waukegan, passed away Dec. 13, 2006 in Waukegan.

She is survived by her husband, Glen Hinson; her daughters, Stacey (Dave) Etemadi, Kimberly, and Crystal; her stepson, Adam Hinson;

her parents, Louis "Jim" (Barbara Gumerale) Grant Jr. and Gladys "Penny" Grant; her mother-in-law, Iva Hinson; a sister three brothers; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents; Louis Grant, Roy and Bernice Gratz; and a sister.

Visitation was on Dec. 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Anastasia Church in Waukegan on Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. Burial was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**ANGELA F. GRIGUTIS**

**Born:** April 22, 1916  
**Died:** Dec. 14, 2006  
*Was a 75 year member of the Slovene National Benefit Society-SNPJ*

**WAUKEGAN** — Angela F. Grigutis, age 90 of Waukegan, passed away on Dec. 14, 2006 at Vista Medical Center East. She was the financial secretary of the St. Therese Altar Society of St. Bartholomew Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Janet Grigutis and Barbara (John) Venisnik, both of Waukegan; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Felix (Goose) Grigutis; her father, Joseph Klauzer and her brother.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Dec. 18, at 10 a.m., at St. Dismas Church in Waukegan. Interment followed at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was held on Dec. 17 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Bradley Funeral Home in North Chicago, and on Dec. 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**GLORIA GEORGIA HUNTER (GRASTY)**

**Born:** Aug. 17, 1923  
**Died:** Dec. 14, 2006  
*Was an avid bowler and won several top awards*

**EASLEY, S.C.** — Gloria Georgia Hunter (Grasty), age 83 of Easley, S.C. died on Dec. 14, 2006, at home. She lived most of her life in the Zion-Winthrop Harbor area.

She is survived by two sons, Larry Hunter of Easley, S.C. and Michael (Sandra) Hunter of Pickens, S.C.; three daughters, Suzan Hunter of Easley, S.C.,

Barbara (Donald) Johnson of Detroit, Ala., and Gloria (James) Marcelain of Kenosha, Wis.; a brother, eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Samuel W. Hunter; her mother and father, Georgia and Leonard Grasty; three brothers; and three sisters.

The funeral was held on Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. at Congdon Funeral Home in Zion with Pastor Jon Wiziade of Christ Community Church officiating. Entombment followed at Mt. Olivet Memorial Park in Zion. Friends greeted the family on Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Christ Community Church, 2500 Dowie Memorial Dr., Zion, IL 60099 would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**DILORA Z. PEARSON-PERRY**

**Born:** July 26, 1947  
**Died:** Dec. 21, 2006  
*Was a long term State of Illinois employee*

**GURNEE** — Dilora Z. Pearson-Perry, age 59 of Gurnee, died on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born on July 26, 1947 in Little Rock, Ark., to Robert and Delores Pearson. Dilora was a long term State of Illinois employee and a member of First Christian Church of Gurnee.

Survivors include her husband of 3 years, Patrick Perry; her mother, Delores Pearson; her children, Gregory (Katinka) Rosenquist, Steven (Laurie) Rosenquist and Paul (Maria) Rosenquist; her grandchildren, Josh, Blake and Karley Rosenquist; and step-grandson, Ryan Hergott; and her siblings Travis and Jeffrey Pearson. Her father, Robert Pearson, and brother, Richard, precede her in death.

The funeral was held at 10:30 a.m., Dec. 22 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Barrington. Interment was in Randhill Park Cemetery in Palatine. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 21, at Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home in Wauconda from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service on Dec. 22, at the church. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**ELEANOR J. WEBER (nee LARSEN)**

**Born:** Oct. 19, 1930  
**Died:** Dec. 20, 2006  
*Born in Chicago*

**FOX LAKE** — Eleanor J. Weber, age 76 of Fox Lake, formerly of Lake Zurich, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, in Libertyville.

She is survived by her husband, (the late) James F. Weber; children Mary (Kenneth) Bourque, James G. Weber, Patricia (Frank) Petrielli, Michael (Susan) Weber, Donald (Casey) Weber, Kathleen (John) Remack, Victoria (Richard) Moehling, Gregory J. Weber and Diana (John) Grogan; 37 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Dec. 20 at Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Crystal Lake, where she lied in state from 9:15 a.m. to the time of Mass. Interment was in St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the Spring Grove Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JDRS, 500 N. Dearborn, Suite 305, Chicago, IL 60610. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**ARLENE GEHRKE CUSHMAN**

**Born:** Jan. 11, 1922  
**Died:** Dec. 22, 2006

**WAUCONDA** — Arlene Gehrke Cushman (nee Hartwig), age 83 of Wauconda, formerly of Lake Zurich, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006 at the Wauconda Healthcare Center.

She was the beloved wife of the late Herbert H. Gehrke and Louis E. Cushman; loving mother of Mary (Byron) Chambers, Karen Kininmonth, Diane (Dan) Etten, Herb (Suzanne) Gehrke and (the late) Todd Cushman; grandmother of 12; great-grandmother of 10; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 22, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Barrington. Interment was in Randhill Park Cemetery in Palatine. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 21, at Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home in Wauconda from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service on Dec. 22, at the church. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**ALBERT VERNON COXON JR.**

**Born:** Aug. 17, 1919  
**Died:** Dec. 13, 2006  
*Was a journalist*

**KENOSHA, WIS.** — Albert Vernon Coxon Jr., age 87 of Kenosha, Wis., passed away on Dec. 13, 2006. He was born in McMechen, W.Va., to the late Albert Vernon and Lucille Bernice Coxon.

He is survived by his wife, Martha (Schenk) Coxon; and his children, Judith (Fred) Norton, Patricia Abrahamsen, Hal Coxon, Charles (Nicki) Coxon, Janet (Kirk) Mason, Beverly Walker, Bruce (Celia) Quinn, and Carolyn (Doyle) Currington; 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by his dog, Pepper. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and a sister.

Visitation was held at Gurnee Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 15. Funeral service was held at the funeral home at 10 a.m., Dec. 16, followed by interment in Highland Memorial cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Coxon's name to the Alzheimer's Association. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

**RAYMOND JOHN BASEL**

**Born:** Aug. 10, 1926  
**Died:** Dec. 23, 2006

*Was an Army veteran of WWII*



**WAUCONDA** — Raymond John Basel, age 80 of Wauconda, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington. He was an Army veteran of WWII. He was an avid coin collector and loved to work with electronics.

Raymond was the beloved husband of the late Frances; loving father of Cindy (Richard) Kutz, Laura (Darrell) Polka, and Mark Basel; cherished grandfather and devoted grandfather.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 23 at Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home. Interment was in Windridge Memorial Park in Cary. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to charity of one's choice. Please sign the Guest Book at [www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits](http://www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits)

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**NASCAR THIS WEEK****Upcoming season may be dawn of new era in racing**

■ NASCAR has undergone plenty of changes in past six years, but 2007 figures to be a landmark year, one way or another.

■ The sport will welcome a foreign manufacturer, Toyota, for the first time, and with it comes considerable concern that the new entrant will pour massive resources into its effort, thus raising the costs necessary to compete.

■ The Car of Tomorrow will be used in 16 races. The

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new design is supposed to make competition better, but it is unpopular among the teams.

■ For the first time, NASCAR will welcome an international star, Juan Pablo Montoya, to the ranks of its regulars. His arrival could bring in a new generation of fans, particularly if he is successful.

■ Altogether, the changes are both exciting and potentially perilous. Many longtime fans have grown disillusioned with rising ticket prices, tricked-up competition and a general sense that everything — drivers, cars, tracks — is getting more and more alike.

■ NASCAR officials talk a lot about diversity, but too much of the diversity effort is based on publicity stunts. A few years ago, NASCAR hired NBA great Magic Johnson as a

spokesman. If the sport really wanted to encourage participation, a program would be set up to buy go-karts for kids in the projects, not write checks to celebrities.

■ What NASCAR really needs is socio-economic diversity. Too many young drivers get opportunities almost solely because they come from privileged families. The working-class heroes of yesterday — the Pettys, the Allisons, the Flocks — have no parallels to

day. One of the great losses of the past two decades is the gradual disappearance of upward mobility.

■ If money didn't play so great a role, it stands to reason that those without it — whether white, black or Hispanic, male or female — would have greater opportunities.

■ For most of its history, NASCAR was run by men (and women) who loved racing. Now it's mostly run by men and women who love money.

**HE SAID WHAT?**

■ "This motor's like an old man. It'll wake up, run a while and fall back to sleep." — Dale Earnhardt Jr., during the Daytona 500.

■ "It's always a team thing. You can't yell at your team for one thing because, next week, maybe you'll make a mistake, and they're not sitting there yelling at you." — Kasey Kahne

■ "I have a great toy box. I just go in there and get to pick and choose all the stuff I need." — Chad Knaus, Jimmie Johnson's crew chief.

■ "It's hard to be disciplined." — Tony Stewart, after winning at Kansas by conserving fuel.

■ "I don't know how you make the Daytona 500 into a cologne unless it smells like burning race gas or something." — Matt Kenseth, noting the release of such a product.

■ "Anyone who gets on a plane headed to Vegas wants to win. Race car drivers are no different." — Jimmie Johnson

**FAN TIPS****NASCAR Hall of Fame will get new office tower**

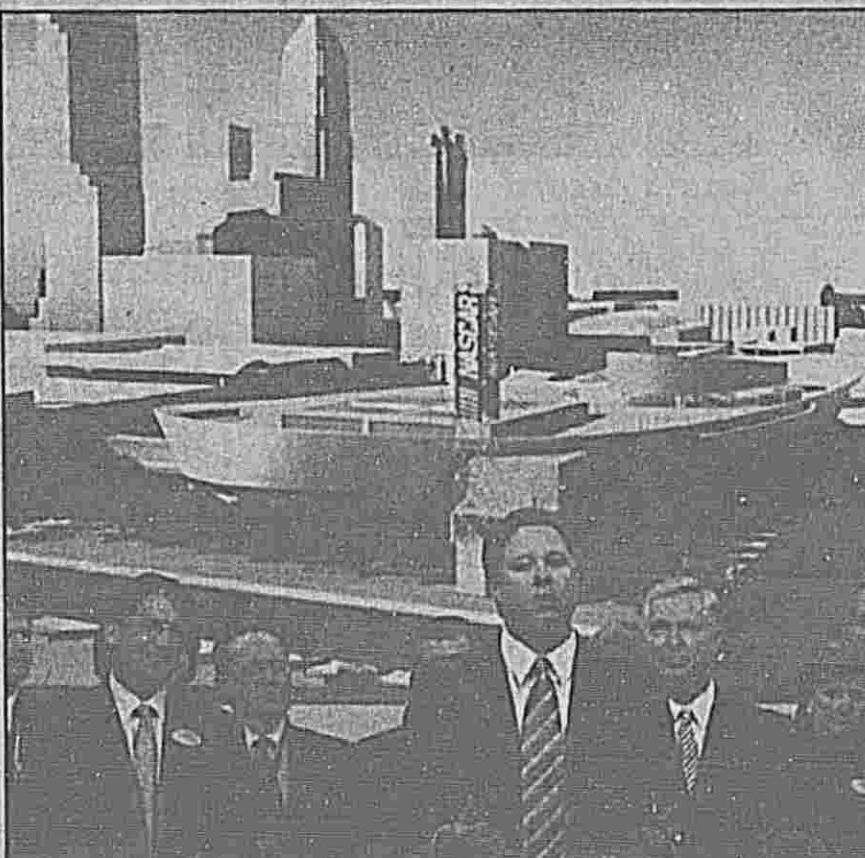
NASCAR has exercised its option to partner with a developer to build an office tower as part of the Hall of Fame project in Charlotte. Construction will begin early next year.

Lauth Property Group LLC, which is headquartered in Indianapolis, has developed office projects for Allstate, HSBC Mortgage Services and SI International, among others.

NASCAR Plaza, in which NASCAR will be an "anchor tenant," will consist of 19 stories and approximately 390,000 square feet of rentable space.

NASCAR's vice president of licensing and consumer products, said the project "not only adds to the allure of uptown Charlotte, but it significantly benefits the soon-to-be-erected Hall of Fame complex."

— Monte Dutton



John Clark/The Gazette

NASCAR president Brian France and Charlotte, N.C. dignitaries stand in front of an artist's rendering of the proposed NASCAR Hall of Fame in this file photo from March of this year.

**WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT**

► Who's hot — Ricky Rudd's back, and he's got a ride at a team where he feels comfortable.

► Who's not — Anheuser-Busch, which is reportedly pulling its sponsorship out of what will be, until the end of 2007, the Busch Series.

**YOUR TURN LETTERS FROM OUR READERS****So much of the media fears NASCAR's wrath**

I am glad that you have the platform to offer the dissenting viewpoint that so many of your counterparts in the media are so afraid to use for fear of having their credentials revoked. For good or bad, NASCAR's changes in the past five to eight years have not been for the better.

Hopefully, someday the racing will return, but it will not be while Brian France is in charge. Keep up the great work. We're reading you around the country ...

Kevin Jaquet  
Hannibal, Mo.

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Nothing difficult about that.*

**Hamilton still fighting bravely against cancer**

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Bobby Hamilton, who won the Craftsman Truck Series championship in 2004, continues to receive treatment for cancer in his neck.

Hamilton, who owns his own team, had to relinquish his driving duties early last year. He continues to receive chemotherapy treatment and has undergone several procedures designed to keep the cancer at bay.

"There are two things that I've truly learned from an unfortunate battle like this," he

said. "One thing is that some people really go out of their way to sincerely support my battle. The flip side to that, unfortunately, is people really use the circumstances to say or write the story based on complete speculation and don't think about the repercussions it causes. Cancer is an ongoing battle, and once you are diagnosed, you always live with the thought of the disease in your body. It's the worst thing you could ever imagine."

The 49-year-old Hamilton, who lives in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.,



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continues to run his Truck Series team. Ken Schrader and Chase Miller will compete in his Dodge Rams during the coming season.

**Spirit finalist** — Owen Kearns, the Truck Series' manager of communications, was named fourth-quarter recipient of the National Motorsports Press Association Pocono Spirit Award.

Kearns, a former journalist, has worked for NASCAR since 1983 and had worked 288 consecutive Truck Series races until health issues forced him to sit out a single race, the Easy Care 200 at Atlanta in October. After only a brief stay in the hospital, Kearns was back on the beat a week later when the series visited Texas.

"Actually, I've been around the Truck Series since before it even began," said Kearns. "As early as 1993, through the meetings with NASCAR in Daytona and the exhibition races that followed, I've been involved with it for quite some time."

**First-time caller** — Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon will be in the field for the Rolex 24, Daytona's annual twice-around-the-clock endurance race on Jan. 27-28.

This will be Gordon's first appearance in the Rolex, but he won't be the only NASCAR star barreling from daylight to night and back again.

Not by a long shot.

NexTEL Cup champion Jimmie Johnson is entered. So is Tony Stewart. And Bobby Labonte. And more, to be named later.

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## For the memory books

### Warren, Grant, Mundelein leave lasting mark

By DANIEL J. PATRICK  
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Years later, when the letterman jacket has become little more than a scrapbook of past conquests, state tournament triumph will remain fresh in the memories of the competitors and fans alike.

But with 2006 coming to a close and the year's memories still fresh in fans' minds, it's a good time to take a look back at three of the best finishes in Lake County prep athletics this year.

#### Warren boys soccer takes second at state

Even in defeat, the Blue Devils had a knack for the dramatic. After winning 2-1 in overtime in the opening round of the state finals against O'Fallon, Warren finally met

its end in a 1-0 heartbreaker against New Trier - a team the Blue Devils had beaten two times before in the regular season.

"At this point [in the state tournament], every game is going to be close," Warren coach Jim McNamara said after the O'Fallon win. "You've got to be prepared for games to be a battle. That's why we're here, that's why every team got this far."

En route to the state finals, the Blue Devils had to go through one of the most competitive boys soccer sectionals in recent memory. In the Mundelein sectional, every game went to two overtimes, including Warren's comeback from a 2-0 deficit against the Grayslake Central Rams, themselves capturing the best record in school history at 21-3-1.

But when Blue Devil star Anthony Colaizzi finally hit the winning goal to defeat the hard-charging Rams, nothing but instinct guided his shot.

"Nothing went through my head, I just hit it," Colaizzi said

after the Grayslake Central win. "When you're that close, you don't have time to think, you just finish... I like clutch games and I like prime-time games like this."

When it was all said and done, the Blue Devils finished at 26-3 to go along with the best IHSA tournament finish in the Warren program's history.

#### Grant duo throws Bulldogs into fourth place in state

Bailey Wagner, then just a sophomore surprise and now tearing up the hardwood as a forward on Grant's basketball team, and Cora Caulfield, then taking her victory lap as a decorated senior for the Bulldogs and now preparing for her freshman season at Northern Illinois, made up one of the most potent track and field duos in the state.

Wagner won the state championship in the shot with a heave of 43-feet-8-inches and finished third in the discus while Caulfield took second place in both events.

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Annie Christie - achristie@nwnews.com  
Warren's Oskar Gasecki (6) celebrates with Anthony Colaizzi (8), who scored the game-winning goal in overtime against O'Fallon High School.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL: WARREN 41, PALATINE 24

## Blue Devils control Palatine in tournament win



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnews.com  
Carmel's Caitlin Hendricks tries to hold on to the ball as Warren's Joree Green tries to knock it out during the Blue Devils Classic hosted at Warren High School. Warren went on to beat Carmel 49-31.

#### Warren defense, center help team secure victory

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If there was any wish Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz had, it probably went something like the Blue Devils' game went against Palatine.

After 11 straight victories, Warren not only stopped Palatine's winning streak, but did it in impressive fashion with the 17-point, 41-24 victory in the Blue Devil Classic tournament.

Blue Devil junior center Sarah Boothe again lived up to her billing, scoring 18 points, pulling in 11 rebounds and blocking seven shots to lead in all three categories.

Despite a noticeable per-

formance from the center, Boothe actually wasn't the only star on the court, as the Blue Devil defense remained a known presence.

With an 11-2 record, Palatine does not seem to be a pushover team.

However, Warren kept the Pirates to just five points in the entire first half for the 25-5 halftime lead.

Warren's defense was so suffocating that Palatine did not hit a single field goal in the second quarter.

By the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils had a comfortable 33-11 lead and only Palatine's Sarah Rattray was able to break into double digits with 12 points in the game.

#### Deerfield 51, Grayslake Central 34

The opening game of Warren's Blue Devil Classic was not kind to Grayslake Central.

After getting out-rebounded 36-18 and giving up 27 turnovers, Deerfield defeated the Grayslake Central Rams 51-34 in the Blue Devil Classic.

Deerfield seemed to maintain control of the game from the get-go, taking a 25-16 lead into the locker room. But in the third quarter, facing a 32-16 deficit, the Rams put together a 13-6 run, but would get no closer than nine points in the loss.

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## • On The Sidelines

# Area athletes give lasting memories

For all the residual Christmas cheer still floating around, this time of year can be a little difficult for some.

New Year's can be a bit of a melancholy time. Sure, it's good to take a look back at our trials and tribulations to see what we can learn from them, but the present and the experiences that go along with the here and now are such fleeting things. And, whether we like it or not, the passing of another year only amplifies this.

In real time, even the biggest championship game rarely goes past two hours of actual time. Just two hours can make or break a memory that will last a lifetime.

Luckily, some of our area's best athletes have plenty of time to make many more memories as some of our biggest stars still aren't technically allowed to go to prom.

With so many younger athletes stepping up, from Grant's track and field star **Bailey Wagner** taking the state championship in discus to Warren's **Dennis Nevolo** following suit with an individual state title of his own in boys tennis, there was definitely a lot to remember in 2006.

Wagner and Nevolo especially have a lot to remember because as underclassmen, they both guided their respective teams to fourth place finishes in the state. While Wagner had help from current Northern Illinois freshman **Cora Caulfield** and Nevolo had help from University of Toledo freshman **Keith Moran**, such performances put an awful lot of pressure on young star athletes.

But I suppose the "star" part is the operative of that statement. If they weren't cool under pressure and weren't able to perform on the biggest stages, they wouldn't be stars. With the new year, it's almost a guarantee that we'll see their names amongst the state's best



**Daniel J.  
Patrick**

once again, but they'll never give up those memories from 2006, as brief and fleeting as the actual experiences once were.

I hope 2007 will give us many more bright, fleeting moments that can be turned into everlasting memories.

We're getting into the all-important "hump" area of the schedule where basketball teams can either try to keep things going or turn the momentum around for the second half of the season. As it stands now, there are multiple basketball teams that have positioned themselves well for the second half.

As for the first half of this season, there are a few familiar faces.

First off is Warren. Whether it's boys or girls, this year, last year, or the year before, if you're wearing a Blue Devil uniform, there's a mighty good chance that things are going pretty well for you. Well, this season is no different.

Along the same lines is Grant girls. Once again, the team has bolted out to an impressive start and with an impressive nucleus with **Kariann Hill**, **Becka Gonyo** and **Jamie Swanson**, this season's Bulldogs have lived up to the tradition that coach Tom Oeffling has established.

On the flip side, Mundelein's boys team is putting together an impressive season after difficult campaigns throughout the past few years. Yale-bound Raffi Mantilla has led his team to a 8-3 start, including an impressive win against the aforementioned Warren Blue Devils.

Libertyville girls, particularly post stars **Kali Feiereisel** and **Carol Kruckman**, have seemingly gotten back on track after a win against Mundelein. At 9-3 after going 1-3 in the last four games, this is the time when the Wildcats could make or break their season.

Let's hope the second half of the hoops season will be even better than the first.

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## SPORTS

# Rams' losses drop team record to 5-9

## • GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Deerfield senior Lisa Waltz led all scorers with 18 points while Colleen Centella led Grayslake Central with 12.

Unfortunately for the Rams, the next game against Wheeling wasn't any kinder as Wheeling dropped Grayslake Central 50-34. While the scores might nearly be identical, this loss had a very different nature than the Deerfield game.

Even with the 16-point margin of victory, it wasn't always that way for Grayslake Central. At halftime, the Rams trailed by two points as Wheeling led 18-16. But a quick 7-0 run by the Wildcats seemingly put the game in their control.

However, the Rams were able to answer back with a run of their own to put the score at 30-27 to begin the fourth quar-



**Kelly Washington of Grayslake Central jumps for a layup against Deerfield's basketball team during a Friday night game at Warren High School.**

ter. But, Wheeling began the stanza with a big run, extending their lead by 10 points. This time, Grayslake had no answer.

The difference in the contest was a big one as Wheeling's 6-

foot-3 center Lana Rukavina poured in 31 points and pulled in 13 boards to take out the Rams.

Both losses drop the Rams to 5-9 on the season.

# Mundelein performance earns respect

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Just between the two competitors, the Bulldogs scored 33 points, good for a fourth place finish.

"It's incredible to be fourth in the state with just the throwers," Grant coach Jim Cramer said. "East St. Louis just edged us out [for third place] and they have 14 state titles."

Before Caulfield departed for Northern Illinois, she said that Grant would always hold a fine place in her heart. But if there's a way to finish off a prep throwing career, finishing on the podium with a teammate by your side is definitely one good way to do it.

"I know I've got another four years in college, but I'm going to miss this place," Caulfield said. "I was thinking to myself, 'What am I going to do without Coach Cramer and the girls around here?' But I finished it off well and I couldn't ask for anything more."

## Mundelein water polo team takes fourth

Only eventual state champ Fenwick was able to defeat Mundelein, and they did it four times throughout the course of the season.



**Annie Christie - achristie@nwnews.com**  
**Mundelein's Andrew Peterson passes the ball during a game hosted at Stevenson High School. The Mustangs advanced to the state Final Four after defeating Loyola 10-8.**

defense...We knew not to panic."

With a 27-8-1 final record the Mustangs had more than earned respect from opponents and IHSA officials. By the end of the season, Siobhan Larsen and Andrew Peterson both earned All-State honors.

"Mundelein is a great, great, great team," Loyola Academy coach Matthias Casey said after the Mustangs defeated his team 10-8. "They have a very deep bench, we got four of their players kicked out for the game, but every player that came in was able to do their duty."

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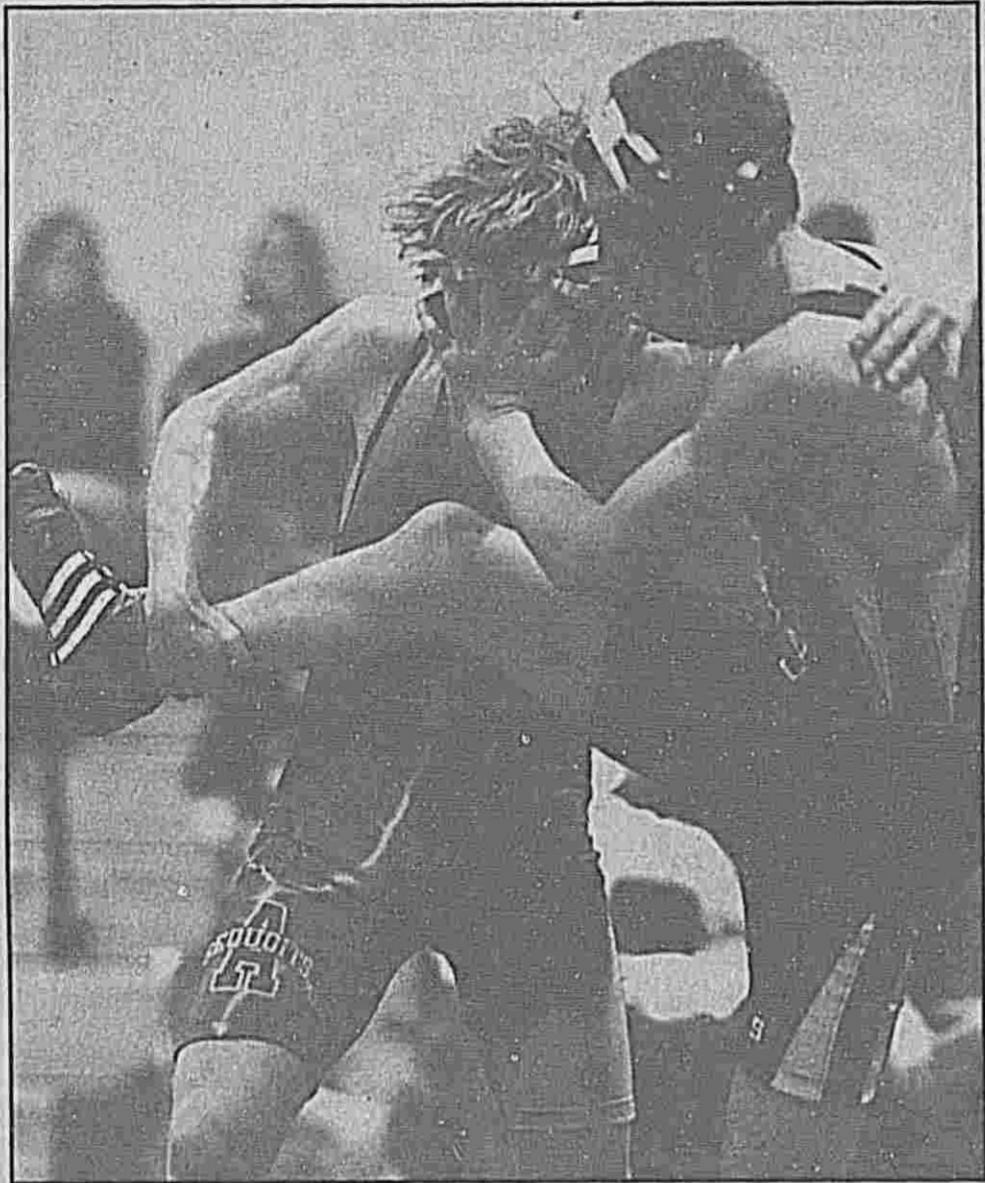
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Chris Padgett - cpadgett@nwnewsgroup.com  
Donny Rowden, of Antioch, has a hand shoved in his face by Nathan Millman, of Stevenson, during a wrestling match at Antioch High School on Dec. 22.

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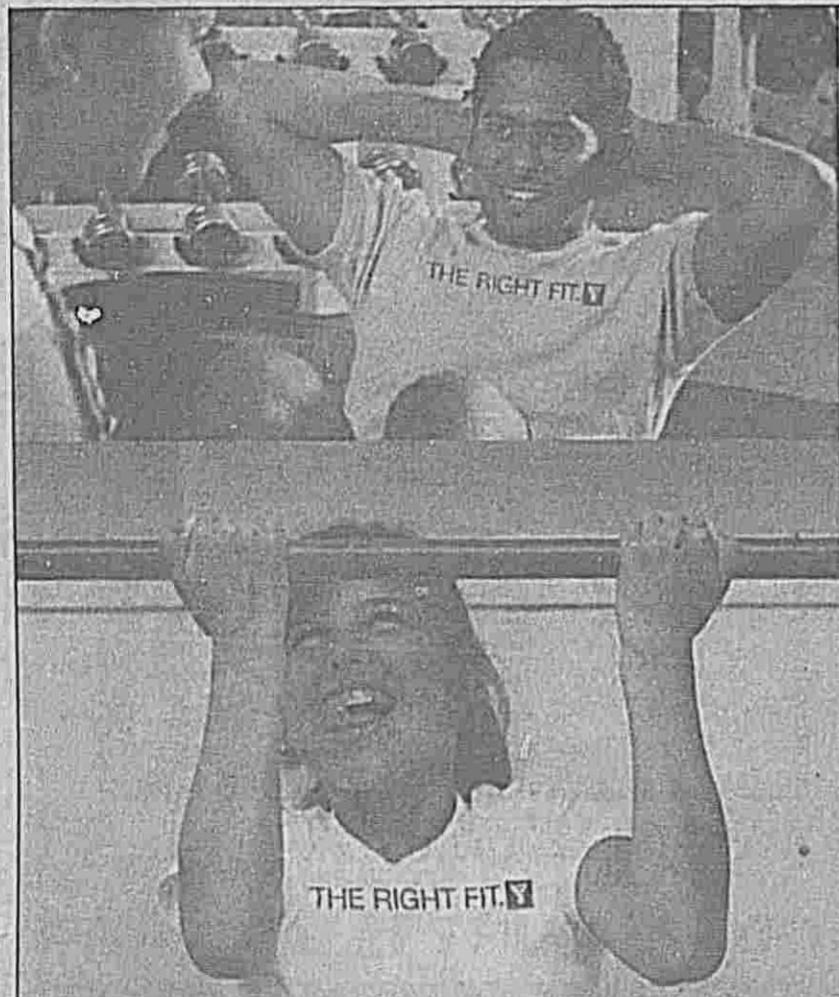
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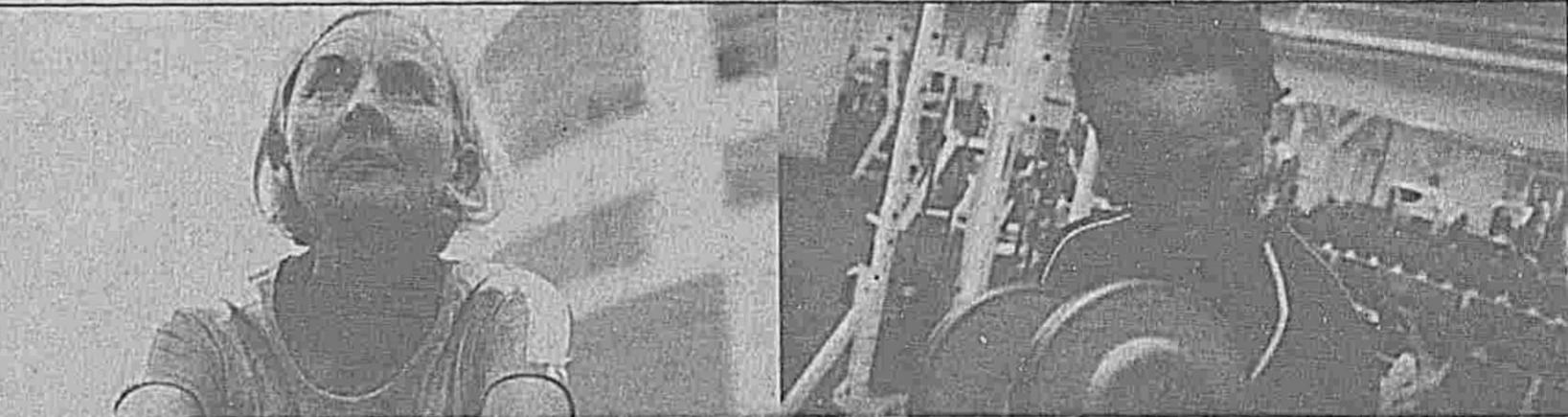
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# Pro Football WEEKLY

—● One Man's Opinion

## NFC doesn't stack up against a loaded AFC

Somewhere back in the preseason, as we were preparing our fearless predictions for the 2006 season, I remember either writing in this space or saying on the radio that it looked like this would be the season that the NFC finally started to close the gap on the AFC.

Looking back now, all I can say is, thank God I don't gamble or have to apologize for all the ridiculous things I say.

The AFC has been the dominant of the two conferences, at least since the Rams were putting on the "Greatest Show on Turf" during the 1999 season. I don't ever remember a season where one conference was as inferior as the NFC has been this year.

You need to look a bit deeper than the AFC's 39-23 edge in interconference games with only one week left in the season. If you eliminate the records of the AFC's three worst teams, Oakland, Houston and Cleveland, which are a combined 2-10 vs. the NFC, the AFC's edge is 37-13, and since Nov. 1, the AFC has a 22-7 edge in interconference play.

With only one week left to play in the regular season, the NFC has only five teams – the Bears, Dallas, New Orleans, Seattle and Philadelphia – at .500 or better, while 10 AFC teams are at .500 or better. The aforementioned NFC teams, which have clinched playoff berths, haven't set the world on fire against the four AFC teams that have had their playoff tickets punched (New England, Baltimore, Indianapolis and San Diego). Through Week 16 they have gone 1-4 this season.

The Bears were the first team to lock up a No. 1 or No. 2 seed in the playoffs and are far and away the best team in the NFC in terms of record. But if the Super Bowl were played tomorrow in Miami, the Bears would be at least a four-point underdog to any one of the AFC's division champs: San Diego, Baltimore, Indianapolis or New England (who beat the Bears, 17-13, in Week 12 in New England).

For a look at why the AFC is so much better than the NFC, just take a quick



**Hub  
Arkush**

look at this year's Pro Bowl teams. I admit, I'm the first to discount these selections as half beauty pageant and half popularity contest, but there's no arguing they show the AFC's superiority.

At quarterback for the AFC, you have Peyton Manning, Carson Palmer and Philip Rivers, which meant Tom Brady wouldn't even be making the trip. The NFC is led by Drew Brees, Marc Bulger and Tony Romo.

Bulger certainly is a nice player, but when he was voted to the Pro Bowl, he had a 89.5 passer rating and a 6-8 record. Romo has played very well the second half of the season, but at the time he was voted in, he had a total of only eight starts in four NFL seasons. The only other QBs in the NFC who had passer ratings better than 80.0 were Donovan McNabb, out for the year since Week 12 with a torn ACL, and Mark Brunell, who was benched six weeks ago, in Washington. The AFC, on the other hand, in addition to Brady, boasts Steve McNair, Chad Pennington and Ben Roethlisberger.

I think the reason the NFC is so bad this year is not just because all of the top quarterbacks are in the AFC, but the problem actually runs quite a bit deeper.

Take a look at this year's leading running backs with two weeks remaining. Given a choice between the AFC's LaDainian Tomlinson, Larry Johnson, Willie Parker, Fred Taylor or Rudi Johnson vs. the NFC's Frank Gore, Tiki Barber, Steven Jackson, Brian Westbrook and Chester Taylor, is it even fair to call that a race? And with Barber retiring at the end of the season, the AFC's superior backfield is overwhelming.

If you think things look better for the NFC at the wideout position, think again. I will argue that Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin are the two best young receivers in the game along with Chad Johnson. But this year, two of the NFC's top four receivers statistically, with one week left, were running backs Reggie Bush and Jackson.

The simple reality is that, heading into this year's playoffs, the AFC is superior to the NFC in every phase of the game. And it doesn't look like the pendulum is going to start to swing back any time soon.

• Hub Arkush is publisher of Pro Football Weekly.

—● Bears Insider

## Defense could be worry in postseason

Well, the goal last week was to break a sweat and get out of Detroit healthy. Aside from the injury to Jason McKie, both goals were accomplished. It certainly hasn't been pretty the last couple of Sundays, but a letdown is to be expected after securing the division title and a number one seed with several weeks to play.

The recent improvement on offense is comforting but the warm and fuzzy feelings pass when watching a Bears defense that is not as dominant of a group they were earlier in the season.

**What's at stake:** Obviously, there is nothing tangible at stake. A series sweep of the Packers for the second consecutive year would be nice, but escaping major injury is what's most important.

**Most dangerous Packers player:** No one gets more out of his God given talent than Aaron Kampman. Kampman, who is tied for the NFL lead with 15 1/2 sacks, also is the Packers No. 3 tackler.

**Why the Bears will win:** To a man, the Bears are a much better football team, and regardless of incentive, I will take talent over desperation every day of the week. After a shaky stretch of games, Rex Grossman is peaking at the right time. Throughout the last three weeks Rex has completed 60 percent of his passes, thrown five touchdowns, and most importantly, has not been intercepted. In fact, the Bears offense hasn't turned it over in a month.

The Packers are at their best when they are rushing the passer, so I say run the ball early and often. Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson have been a strong one-two punch recently, and are a fantastic inside-outside combination. As I have written in the past, you take the steam out of a strong pass rusher by running right at the threat. I would advise Ron Turner to load up in a ton of strong right formation and ask Fred Miller and Desmond Clark to double team Kampman.

Jones has the quickness and Benson has the speed to get to the edge and attack the Packers on the perimeter. Through the air, Green Bay is most vulnerable in the middle of the field. They don't have the speed at linebacker or the talent at safety to hang with Clark. Look for the Grossman to Clark combo all night.

Defending the Packers is not nearly as difficult as it used to be. Brett Favre has had another disappointing year, throwing as many interceptions as touchdowns this season. At 37, his skills have deteriorated and he can no longer make the perfect throws. Mark Anderson should be able to pressure Favre into a few mistakes.

**Why the Packers will win:** The Packers are riding high having won three straight and miraculously pulling within a game of a .500 season. A rebirth of pride and confidence has these Packers playing hard.

Donald Driver leads the NFC in catches and receiving yards and is rightfully headed to Honolulu in the offseason. Even when healthy, both Charles Tillman and Nathan Vasher would struggle to slow him down. Ahman Green is back to full strength and will threaten a Bears front seven that has been gashed by lesser backs. Defensively, Kampman and Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, or "KGB," are a lightning quick tandem off the edge. Jon St. Clair will not be able to keep Grossman or Brian Griese safe. Green Bay is equally dangerous at cornerback. When pressured, Rex has a history of forcing throws and making mistakes. Al Harris and Charles Woodson will make him pay for those mistakes.

**Who will win:** Yes, the Packers have won their last three, but upon further review, they beat the 49ers, Lions, and Vikings – big deal. In fact, these Packers haven't beaten a team with a winning record all season.

The Bears have won three straight and four of the last five in this rivalry and would like to head into the postseason on a high note. I'm not about to get sentimental – trust me, this isn't the last time you'll see Favre on the lake front.

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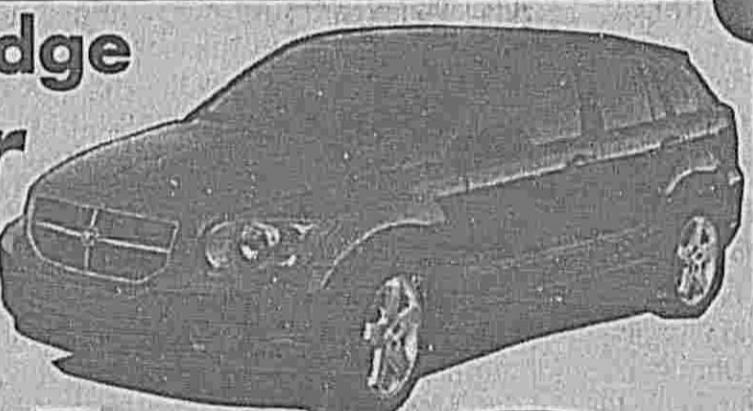
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**BOYS BASKETBALL: JACOBS TOURNAMENT**

# Mundelein defeats Johnsburg 82-50

By STEVE PETERSON  
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ALGONQUIN — Mundelein's Raffi Mantilla added a new reference to the term "classic" at the Jacobs Golden Eagle Classic holiday tournament.

Mantilla, Mundelein's Yale-bound senior, scored 30 points in an easy 82-50 Mustang win against Johnsburg. What earned the effort a classic category was 18 of those points were came in the third quarter. It started simply enough, making one of two free throws, and did not stop until Mundelein had a 63-35 lead over the Skyhawks.

"With our style, we get a lot of points off defense and rebounds. We're a fastbreak team," Mantilla said. "We have a lot of weapons, tonight it was me, but it could be someone else."

Mundelein (8-3) already topped last year's win total of seven.

Mantilla said that he could not recall ever scoring 30. But it's not just the star guard that's gaining some confidence as Mundelein is just three wins off of matching the win total for the last two seasons combined.

"We're developing a swagger," Mantilla said. "We started to late last summer and early this fall. We're starting to come together."

The Skyhawks (8-1) had solid effort of their own from freshman C.J. Fiedorowicz, who had 20 points, 11 rebounds and 4 blocks.

Mundelein coach Dick Knar was pleased with Mantilla's efforts, on both ends of the floor.

"The thing I was most pleased with Raffi was that he asked to come out of the game at the end of the third quarter because he was tired from defense," Knar said.

Chris Millner, a senior, contributed six points while outside shooting threat Pat Barron had seven among the starters.

What the Mustangs are doing on the other end of the court is what pleases Knar.

"Playing tough defense is huge for us," Knar said. "It is just the way we play."

**Crystal Lake South 33,  
 Round Lake 23**

Round Lake boys basketball coach Jamie Fisher liked his

team's effort against Crystal Lake South to begin the Jacobs Golden Eagle Classic.

Finding the basket was a struggle for both teams in a 33-23 win by South against Round Lake. The Panthers had hoped to continue the momentum from a win over Grayslake Central, but it didn't happen.

"We did a good job on defense, but we could not convert on our opportunities on offense," Fisher said. "It was frustrating."

Jerome Brown led Round Lake with seven points, including a three-pointer. Mike Mpokota added five points, all in the fourth quarter. The Panthers scored just 10 points for the second half. However, Fisher said he can gain some solace from holding the Gators to just 33 points of their own.

"Our real focus has been on defense," Fisher said.

Crystal Lake South as of Dec. 23 is 8-1, compared to Round Lake's 2-9 start.

The 56 points marked the fewest points scored by two teams at Jacobs since 1996 - by an eight point margin.

**Cary-Grove 53,  
 Wauconda 33**

A slam dunk by Mark Tomethich, who also added three three-pointers for 11 points, was just one of Wauconda's problems in a 53-33 loss to Cary-Grove.

The Bulldogs had a tough time on offense, especially when the Trojans turned up the intensity in the second half. Steve Bilisko led Wauconda (6-4) with 11-points.

"We felt fortunate to be down only by three at halftime [25-22] considering how bad we played," Wauconda coach Rich Wolf said.

A 12-0 run by Cary-Grove to start the second half all but settled this one at the Jacobs tournament. "We knew that Cary would come out with more intensity to start the second half. On defense, we were one to two steps slower than they were," Wolf said.

Kyle Vogel matched Bilisko's 11 point output for Wauconda.

The loss followed a week for Wauconda, with North Suburban Conference Prairie wins, against Round Lake and Vernon Hills.

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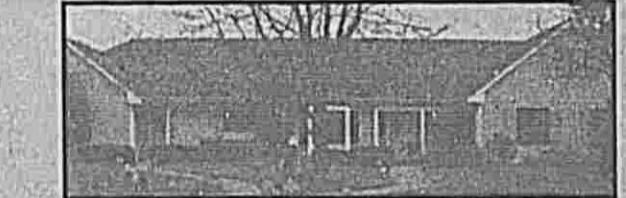
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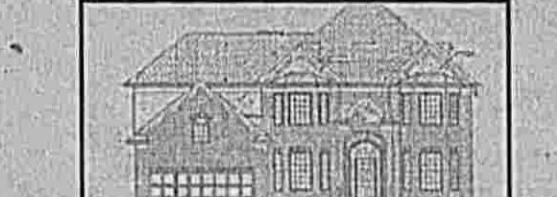


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# REAL ESTATE

## Gains for buyers in this new real estate market

After several years of a booming real estate market - one that was decidedly to the seller's advantage - the industry has taken a swing in the opposite direction in recent months. Higher interest rates and a greater inventory of houses is pushing the market in the buyer's favor. This means that enterprising individuals ready to make a purchase may come away with more than just a good bargain.

In an effort to move houses, many builders, mortgage lenders and private sellers are hatching plans to make their properties all the more enticing. Some are offering to pay mortgage points, throw in extras, such as a new pool, or give away gift certificates for shopping sprees at big name stores.

What's more, although there is resistance, the word is out that

lowering prices is also necessary for making the sale these days.

Therefore, according to experts, this could be the ideal time for those looking to fulfill the dream of home ownership to do just that. Here are some of the rewards they can reap and the incentives to be on the look out for.

**Creative mortgages:** To entice people to take out mortgages in spite of rising interest rates, some lenders and builders are offering special programs. Many home builders are using "buy-down" programs, in which they buy down a mortgage by two percentage points in year one and one point in year two. This can lead to substantial savings. But watch out for deals that offer flashy savings early on but sucker-punch you later during the loan term. Pre-payment penalties or early termination fees may be in store

for those who don't do their homework before signing on the dotted line.

**• Wheeling and dealing:** To gain business, builders (and private sellers) are throwing in specials with the sale of a house. This could mean that they'll give away the keys to a new car or send buyers on a whirlwind vacation. Keep in mind that the cost of these bonuses could comparatively still be lesser than if the seller simply lowered the price of the home by 10 to 15 percent. So don't be too blindsighted by flashy deals. Run the numbers and figure out the best gain. Desperate sellers may even go for a price slash in addition to the gifts if they are asked.

**• Speak up:** When the building inspector is doing his or her run-through on the property, take detailed notes of what is found. The scales are tipped in the buyer's

favor to have high-priced improvements made by the seller, for example a new deck or a driveway re-paving. Anxious for business, sellers may also be more likely to take off some money from the bottom line or allow buyers to keep that Viking stove so they don't pass on the house.

**• Deep cuts:** Sellers are some of the last people to realize that they have to reduce the price on their homes if they want to get a sale. It's hard for them to accept that their house is not worth what it may have been last year. There were 4 million homes on the market in the United States in August 2006, a million more than at the same point in 2005. Brokers are realizing creative plans, including pricing homes "right," can be the deciding factor to making a quick sale or having a home join the surplus inventory. Therefore, don't

be afraid to make a low-ball offer when bidding on a home. The offer just might be accepted, even in the markets where experts predicted prices would remain relatively stable.

**• Beware of broker incentives:** Builders and private sellers are relying on the expertise of real estate brokers even more during this real estate market. They may offer special incentives, such as bigger commissions or bonuses for those who get the job done. Therefore, a broker may be pulling out all the stops to get buyers to purchase a particular property. Agents are only required to disclose incentive information if they are asked. If an overzealous broker makes you suspicious (a fixer-upper shouldn't be marketed as "move-in ready" or a "showplace"), look for another agent.

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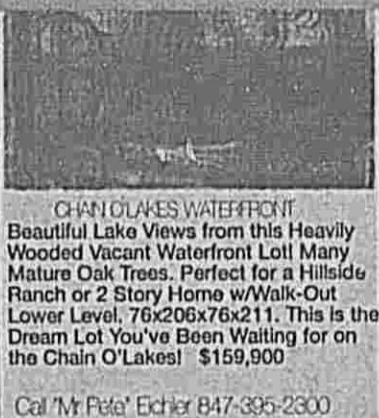
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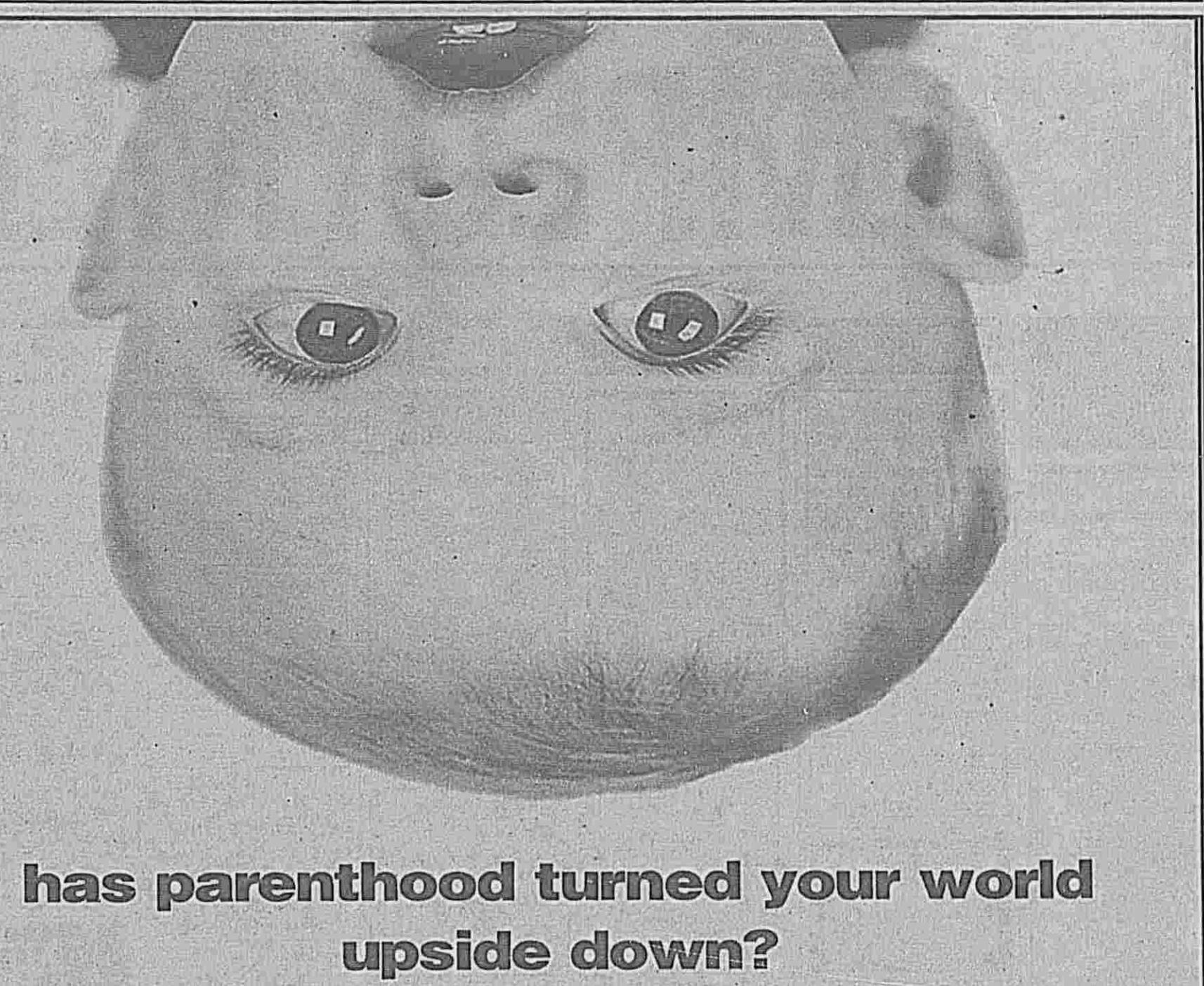
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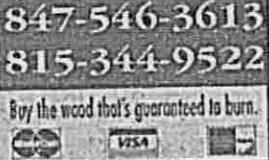
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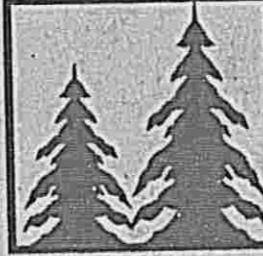
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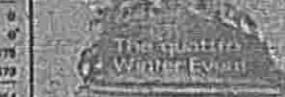


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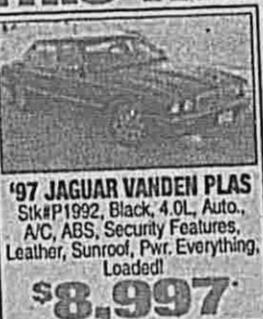
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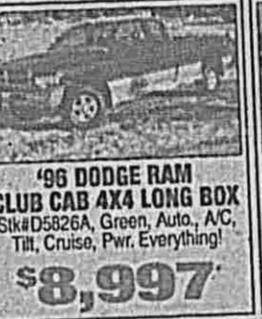
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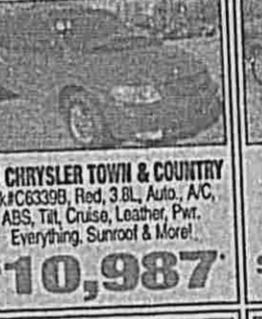
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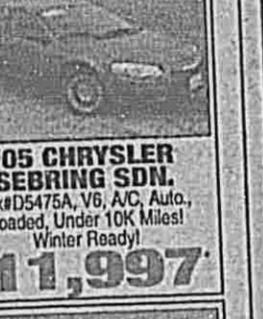
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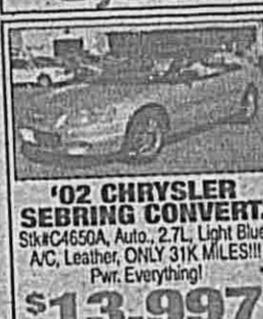
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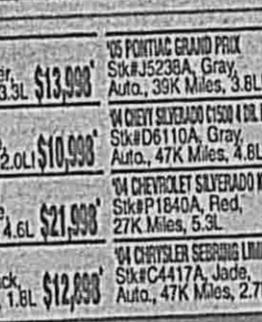
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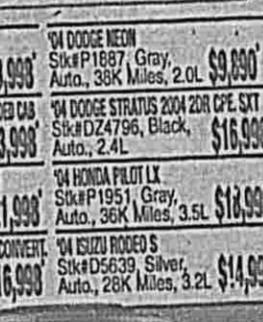
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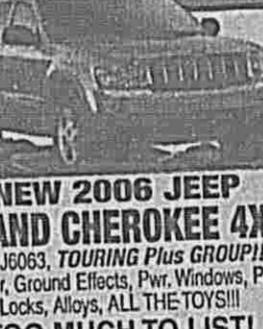
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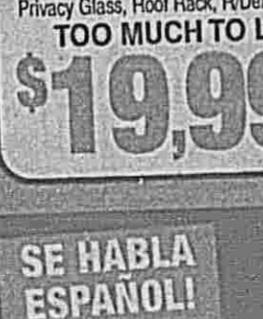
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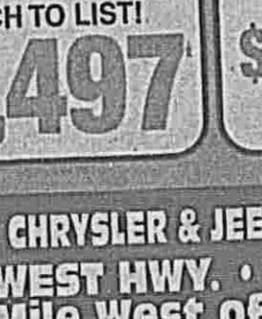
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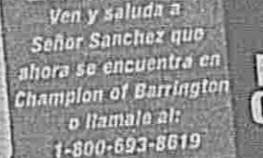
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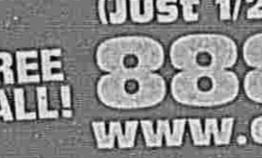
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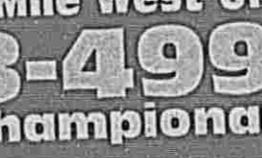
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